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TITLE <u>CHANGED</u> PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS, wa, "El lejo"			CHARACTER OF CASE OVERTHROW OR DESTRUCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT - CONSPIRACY - INTERNAL SECURITY - N

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS still nominal leader of NPPR. Up until his arrest 11/2/50 resided in Club Nacionalista, corner of Cruz and Sol Streets, San Juan. Subject's movements during period of this report set forth, including his trips out onto the Island. At outbreak of Nationalist uprising in Puerto Rico on 10/30/50 subject was in Club Nacionalista. From balcony of this club he threw incendiary bombs at police officers in the street. Subject was "smoked-out" of Club with tear gas at 3 AM 11/2/50 and placed under arrest by Insular authorities. Statements of subject to police officers and Bureau Agents subsequent to arrest set forth. Subject reportedly gave orders some time prior to uprising for acts of violence to prevent registration for voting on a proposed Constitution for Puerto Rico, which registration was scheduled for early November, 1950. He also reportedly gave orders to the Manhattan Board (New York) of NPPR to send someone to Washington, D.C. upon the outbreak of hostilities in Puerto Rico to assassinate a high government official. In signed statements, Nationalists arrested during and following uprising state that the incidents at Utuado and Arecibo, PR, were carried out at subject's orders. GRISELIO TORRESOLA, Nationalist who was killed during the attempt on President TRUMAN's life, 11/1/50, was in contact with subject in Puerto Rico in September, 1950. Text of 8 speeches given by subject throughout Puerto Rico between 4/8/50 and 10/26/50 set forth. These speeches are given over to attacks upon the United States and Insular Governments. ALBIZU CAMPOS has been sentenced in Insular Courts to 6 years for illegal use of explosives; 2 years, 6 months for

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possession of explosives with intent to do damage; 2 years, 3 months on 3 counts of possession of unregistered firearms, and from 7 to 15 years for attack to commit murder. All sentences to run consecutively and all sentences being appealed. Subject is yet to be tried on two counts of violation of Insular Law 53 (Insular Subversive Activities Law) which carry a maximum penalty of 10 years and \$10,000 for each count. (V)u

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DETAILS:

The title of this report is being changed to include the alias "EL VIEJO" (The Old Man) which was used by PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS in signing a note to DORIS TORRESOLAROURA on November 9, 1950, which note was given to a guard at the Insular Police Headquarters for delivery.

A. ACTIVITIES OF PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS (UP TO ARREST ON NOVEMBER 2, 1950)

PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS, still President of the PARTIDO NACIONALISTA DE PUERTO RICO (Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico) herein-after referred to as the NPPR, resided during the period of this report, up until his arrest on November 2, 1950, at the Club Nacionalista, upstairs in the building at the corner of Cruz and Sol Streets, San Juan, Puerto Rico, at which address he had resided since October, 1948. These quarters consist of two small bedrooms, one used by ALBIZU, and a living room used as the meeting room of the National Board of the NPPR.

The movements and activities of ALBIZU, as set forth chronologically below, are based upon material furnished in Spanish by the Internal Security Squad of the Insular Police, who maintained a 24-hour-a-day physical surveillance of subject during this period. The identifications of individuals, as to NPPR affiliations, were provided by the police in only those instances where specifically so indicated. ALBIZU was aware of this surveillance, as evidenced by occasional references he made to it during his speeches.

4/1-6-50

ALBIZU did not leave his home during this period.

4/7/50

3:00 pm. Left San Juan by car, accompanied by two unidentified youths. Arrived at Aguada in late afternoon where he visited two or three individuals, including NESTOR CARDONA RUIZ, who has been identified by PAULINO CASTRO, former Secretary-General of the NPPR, as a member of the National Board of the NPPR in 1950.

Drove on to Cabo Rojo, spending the night there at the home of one FELIX PEREZ.

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4/8/50

8:00 am. Went to Plaza Betances in Cabo Rojo where a brief ceremony was held in memory of RAMON EMETERIO BETANCES and wreaths were placed on BETANCES' tomb. Ceremony ended 9:20 am. During the day he spent time with DOMINGO ~~SALTARI~~ ~~GRESPO~~, ~~PAULINO E. CASTRO~~ ~~ABOLAFIA~~ and RUTH MARY ~~REYNOLDS~~. (~~SALTARI~~, of Cabo Rojo, is an admitted NPPR member who was sentenced in 1937 for the attempted assassination of the Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico in Washington; D.C. Insular Police advise that ~~SALTARI~~ has acted as body-guard for ALBIZU on occasion. ~~CASTRO~~, who presently resides in Puerto Nuevo, was self-admittedly Secretary-General of the NPPR in 1948. RUTH M. ~~REYNOLDS~~ admits being a close personal friend of ALBIZU since 1941, denies being a Nationalist, but admits writing much NPPR propaganda).

8:00 pm. ALBIZU went to the public plaza in Cabo Rojo where the NPPR was holding a public meeting in honor of BETANCES, who was a physician, writer and revolutionary closely associated with the Puerto Rican and Cuban revolutionary movements. Audience at this meeting was estimated at 450. ALBIZU spoke at this meeting and his speech was broadcast over radio station WORA, Mayaguez. (The text of this speech is set forth under a separate heading in this report). After the meeting, ALBIZU returned to the home of FELIX PEREZ, where he spent the night.

4/9/50

b7c In the morning he went to the home of MIGUEL ANGEL ~~CARLO~~ ~~ATORO~~, of Cabo Rojo, (~~CARLO~~ is a sporting goods salesman [REDACTED]). Later in the morning he went to San German, where he spent several hours at the home of PEDRO ULISES ~~PABON~~ ~~PROPEDE~~, who admittedly was a confidant of ALBIZU's and a member of the NPPR since about 1929. In November, 1950, PABON confessed to Insular authorities that on the occasion of this visit he gave ALBIZU a .45 Colt revolver.

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Late in the afternoon of this day, ALBIZU left for Jayuya, where he spent the night in the home of BLANCA CANALES TORRESOLA, an admitted NPPR member who was a co-leader of the NPPR uprising in Jayuya on October 30, 1950.

4/10/50

ALBIZU spent the day at the home of ALFREDO PLATET CANALES in Jayuya. (PLATET, on December 21, 1950, advised Agents of this office that he is a nephew of BLANCA CANALES TORRESOLA and brother-in-law of GRISELIO TORRESOLA, who was killed while attempting to assassinate President TRUMAN on November 1, 1950, at Washington, D.C. PLATET also stated that he has been a member of the NPPR since he was in high school). ALBIZU spent the night in the home of BLANCA CANALES.

4/11/50

11:15 am. Driven to home of FRANCISCO IRIZARRY in Jayuya in car owned and operated by ERNESTO IRIZARRY. (FRANCISCO IRIZARRY has been identified by the Insular Police as a Nationalist who has three sons who are Nationalists. FRANCISCO IRIZARRY on one occasion informed ALBIZU that although he had little money to offer the NPPR, he was glad that he had 3 sons whose lives he could offer to the Party. ERNESTO IRIZARRY is FRANCISCO's son, and it is to be noted that his automobile was used by the Nationalists during the uprising in Jayuya on October 30, 1950).

After lunch, ALBIZU went to the home of ALFREDO PLATET where he spent the balance of the day, returning that evening to BLANCA CANALES' home where he spent the night.

4/12/50

ALBIZU had lunch in the home of one CHELO HERNANDEZ, Jayuya, from which house he went to ALFREDO PLATET's home, returning at 9:00 p.m. to BLANCA CANALES' home in the company of BLANCA and of ELIO TORRESOLA ROURA. (ELIO TORRESOLA is an admitted member of the NPPR National Board as of 1950, and was a co-leader in the NPPR uprising in Jayuya on October 30, 1950.)

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4/13/50

Spent the day at ALFREDO FLATET's home, returning to BLANCA CANALES' home for the night.

4/14/50

Visited JULIO ~~ORTIZ~~, Jayuya. (Documents seized by Insular authorities during the NPPR uprising, reflect ORTIZ to have been Vice President of the NPPR Board of Utuado in 1946.)

Returned to San Juan by public car, arriving at the Club Nacionalista at about 1:00 p.m.

4/15/50

ALBIZU did not leave his home.

4/16/50

8:55 am. Left, accompanied by LUIS MANUEL ~~O'NEILL~~ ROSARIO and his daughter, ROSITA ~~ALBIZU~~, to attend an assembly of NPPR members in front of the Insular Capitol Building, San Juan, in connection with the Party's celebration of De Diego Day. (O'NEILL is the former Secretary of the Santurce Municipal Board of the NPPR, and, according to the Insular Police, is the "boyfriend" of ROSITA ~~ALBIZU~~). About 160 persons in attendance, including 64 members of the NPPR Cadet Corps, 6 Cadet officers and 6 members of the NPPR Nurses Corps. ALBIZU led the group to the San Juan cemetery where flowers were placed on the tomb of DE DIEGO. He then led the group back to the Capitol Building where it disbanded at 11:15 am. He returned to his residence, accompanied by ROSITA ALBIZU, LUIS ~~O'NEILL~~ and FRANCISCO ~~MATOS DELLI~~, of Rio Piedras, admitted Secretary-General of the NPPR as of 1950.

2:15 pm. Left, accompanied by LUIS M. ~~O'NEILL~~, ROSITA ALBIZU and JUANA ~~ALBIZU CAMPOS~~, his sister, for the Church of the Virgin of Carmen in Barrio Obrero, Santurce, where the NPPR was holding a mass. Then led march to cemetery of Barrio Obrero, where flowers were placed on tomb of DE DIEGO. About 500 people in attendance. Returned with group to plaza of Barrio Obrero, where group disbanded and from there returned to his residence.

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8:00 pm. Accompanied by LUIS MANUEL O'NEILL, ROSITA ALBIZU and JOSE RIVERA SOTOMAYOR to the plaza, Barrio Obrero, where he spoke at a public meeting of the NPPR with about 3500 in the audience. (Text of this speech is set forth under separate heading in this report) After the meeting, he returned to his residence, again accompanied by LUIS MANUEL O'NEILL, ROSITA ALBIZU and JOSE RIVERA SOTOMAYOR. (RIVERA is presently in the custody of the Insular authorities charged with attempting to overthrow the Insular Government).

4/17-22/50

ALBIZU did not leave his home during this period.

4/23/50

Out for about two hours in the evening to home of VENERANDA RIVERA, who has been identified by [redacted] of known reliability, as having attended NPPR meetings regularly for years. Her home is on Calle Justo, San Juan.

4/24-25/50

ALBIZU did not leave his home during this period.

4/26/50

8:30 to 10:00 a.m. To La Milagrosa Book Shop, San Juan

4/27-28/50

ALBIZU did not leave his home during this period.

4/29/50

8:30 am. to Noon To the residence of the Catholic Redemptionist Fathers in Catano, Puerto Rico.

4/30-5/9/50

ALBIZU did not leave his home during this period.

5/10/50

10:00 am. to 12:10 pm. To office of Attorney ANGEL CRUZ CRUZ, who is presently serving as defense attorney for ALBIZU and other Nationalists arrested as a result of the October 30, 1950, uprising.

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5/11-13/50

ALBIZU did not leave his home during this period.

5/14/50

9:00 to 9:25 a.m. To telegraph office on Calle San Francisco, San Juan.

5/15-19/50

ALBIZU did not leave his home during this period.

5/20/50

6 a.m. to 7:35 am. To Catholic Church, Rio Piedras, and then to the Parish House on Jose de Diego Street, Rio Piedras; then visited an engineer by the name of VALDIVIESO CINTRON, who lives at the same place.

5/21-6/10/50

ALBIZU did not leave his home during this period.

6/11/50

2:25 pm. Accompanied by ELIO TORRESOLA and FRANCISCO MATOS PAOLI, ALBIZU was driven to Manati, Puerto Rico, where NPPR units were assembling in the public plaza to begin commemorative ceremonies for ANTONIO VELEZ ALVARADO, creator of the Puerto Rican flag. ALBIZU led march to the Manati cemetery where flowers were placed on the tomb of VELEZ ALVARADO. Five uniformed Cadets and 300 other individuals in attendance, some carrying the flags of the 21 American Republics, and others carrying Puerto Rican flags. After a brief ceremony at the cemetery, the group returned to the plaza and disbanded at about 4:30 p.m.

8:30 pm. ALBIZU went to the public plaza where an open meeting of the NPPR was held. ALBIZU addressed this group and his speech was broadcast over WCMN, Arecibo. (The text of this speech is set forth under a separate heading in this report) About 900 in audience.

11:00 pm. Left Manati, arriving at his residence in San Juan about midnight.

6/12-20/50

ALBIZU did not leave his home during this period.

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6/21/50

11:00 am. To La Milagrosa Book Shop and the office of Attorney ANGEL CRUZ CRUZ, both in San Juan.

6/22-25/50

ALBIZU did not leave his home during this period.

6/26/50

3:15 pm. Accompanied by DORIS TORRESOLA ROURA, ALBIZU went to the police training installation on the Isla de Cabras and leisurely looked over the entire installation. (DORIS TORRESOLA ROURA is an admitted member of the NPPR, who has engaged in NPPR activities since youth. She is the sister of ELIO and CRISELIO TORRESOLA).

7:00 pm. Visited the home of a Dr. GARCIA-ESTRADA in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico; arrived back at the club 8:15 pm.

6/27-7/1/50

ALBIZU did not leave his home during this period.

7/2/50

7:05 am. Was driven to Arecibo by CARMELO MALDONADO RIVERA, who is presently incarcerated in the Arecibo District Jail charged with arson and murder in connection with the NPPR uprising, Jayuya, October 30, 1950. ALBIZU was accompanied by ELIO TORRESOLA and FRANCISCO MATOS PAOLI. At Hotel Baleares, Arecibo, he picked up PAULINO CASTRO and ANDRES NEGRON CANDES, identified by C-2, of known reliability. He former President of the NPPR Board of Arecibo. He then went to radio station WCMN over which he broadcast a speech, the text of which is set forth under separate heading in this report.

3:00 pm. Was driven to Jayuya by CARMELO MALDONADO, accompanied by ELIO TORRESOLA and JUAN JACAZ PERNADEZ, an admitted NPPR Cadet leader in Arecibo in 1950, who was involved in the NPPR uprising at Utuado, October 30, 1950. At Jayuya he visited at ALFREDO PLATET's home and then went to the home of BLANCA CANALES where he spent the night.

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7/3-6/50

At BLANCA's home in Jayuya. Visited on July 6, 1950, from 5 to 9 pm. by DAMIAN TORRES ACEVEDO, admitted President of the Utuado Municipal Board of the NPPR, since 1948, and one of the leaders of the NPPR uprising in Utuado October 30, 1950.

7/7/50

2:50 pm. Left BLANCA CANALES' house in a car driven by CARMELO MALDONADO, accompanied by ELIO TORRESOLA and MARIO IRIZARRY RIVERA to ALFREDO PLATET's home.

4:00 pm. All of the above drove to ALBIZU's residence in San Juan and shortly thereafter all but ALBIZU left to return to Jayuya. (MARIO IRIZARRY RIVERA has been identified by witnesses as taking part in the NPPR uprising in Jayuya, October 30, 1950.

7/8-22-50

ALBIZU did not leave his home during this period.

7/23/50

2:50 pm. Accompanied by PEDRO ULISES PABON RIOPEDE, FRANCISCO MATOS PAOLI and RUTH M. REYNOLDS, went to San German, Puerto Rico, where he spent the night in ULISES PABON's home.

7/24/50

10:30 am. With ULISES PABON, he visited the offices of Drs. QUINONES and ACOSTA, returning to ULISES PABON's home at Noon.

5:30 pm. An unidentified doctor arrived at PABON's house to visit ALBIZU.

7:00 pm. FRANCISCO MATOS PAOLI and RUTH MARY REYNOLDS arrived to visit ALBIZU.

7/25/50

10:25 am. ANGEL RAFAEL BURGOS FUENTES of Cayey, Puerto Rico, visited ALBIZU for a few minutes. (T-3 of known reliability advised that in November, 1950, the NPPR held firearms practice on RAFAEL BURGOS' farm near Cayey in 1950 and BURGOS has admittedly been a member of the NPPR for 15 years.)

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2:00 pm. Accompanied by ULISES PABON and FRANCISCO MATOS PAOLI, ALBIZU went to Guanica, Puerto Rico, where he spoke at a public meeting of the NPPR held "in protest of the invasion of Puerto Rico by American forces in 1898." (The text of this speech is set forth under separate heading in this report). There were about 400 persons in the audience at this meeting.

4:40 pm. Returned to San German where he spent the night in the home of ULISES PABON.

7/26/50

9:00 am. Accompanied by FRANCISCO MATOS PAOLI, ULISES PABON and RUTH MARY REYNOLDS, ALBIZU drove to the home of one EMILIANO RODRIGUEZ in Guanica. At 11:00 am. the group left Guanica, and drove to the residence of FRANCISCA ISOLINA GARCIA RONDON in Rio Piedras. (ISOLINA GARCIA RONDON, commonly referred to as ISOLINA RONDON, has been identified by police sources as occasional secretary to ALBIZU).

3:50 pm. ALBIZU, PABON and MATOS PAOLI left for San Juan, arriving at the Club Nacionalista at 4:30 pm.

7/27-8/9/50

ALBIZU did not leave his home during this period.

8/10/50

10:15 am to 1 pm. To the residence of PAULINO CASTRO in Catano.

8/11-15/50

ALBIZU did not leave his home during this period.

8/16/50

1:45 pm. To the San Juan District Jail to visit ~~JORGE LUIS LANDING~~ and other prisoners. Returned to his residence 3 pm. ~~LUIS LANDING~~ was in the San Juan District Jail on a charge of causing a disturbance at the University of Puerto Rico in the spring of 1948 in connection with a student strike, occasioned by the refusal of the University officials to grant permission to ALBIZU to speak on the campus).

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8/17-19/50 ALBIZU did not leave his home during this period.

8/20/50 7:50 to 8:35 am. Out for a walk.

8/21-9/6/50 ALBIZU did not leave his home during this period.

9/7/50 9:55 to 12:30 pm. Visited PAULINO CASTRO's home in Catano and returned to the Club Nacionalista with CASTRO.

9/8-10/50 ALBIZU did not leave his home during this period.

9/11/50 7 pm to 8:15 pm. Accompanied by RAUL TORRESOLA, uncle of DORIS, ELIO and GRISELIO TORRESOLA, ALBIZU visited ALFREDO PLATET at the latter's new house in Puerto Nuevo, Puerto Rico.

9/12-13/50 ALBIZU did not leave his home during this period.

9/14/50 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. To the Catholic Redemptionist Fathers' Home in Catano, and return.

9/15-21/50 ALBIZU was not seen to leave his home during this period.
(Police surveillance was not maintained during the period from 8:00 PM September 17, 1950, to 6:30 AM September 21, 1950.)

9/22/50 5:30 pm. Accompanied by JUANITA OJEDA MALDONADO of Utuado and driven by DAMIAN TORRES ACEVEDO, ALBIZU went to Barrio Pueblo of Hatillo, where he spent the night in the home of OSCAR COLON DELGADO. (JUANITA OJEDA MALDONADO, according to T-4, another government agency in San Juan which conducts personnel and security investigations, was President of the NPPR in Utuado, in 1948. She is presently incarcerated by Insular authorities on a charge of attempting to overthrow the Insular Government. OSCAR COLON DELGADO is described by police sources as an ardent NPPR sympathizer).

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9/23/50

6:30 am. ~~X~~ JUAN JACA HERNANDEZ came to COLON
DEIGADO's home to visit ALBIZU.

7:00 am. ALBIZU left for Lares, Puerto Rico,
to participate in the NPPR celebration
"Grito de Lares" which refers to a day in 1868
when a group of Puerto Rican Nationalists succeeded
in temporarily overpowering the Spanish garrison
at Lares.

8:00 am. ALBIZU joined a group of Nationalists
which had formed at the plaza in Lares
and marched with them to the Catholic Church. At
the head of the group were 4 officers and 37
members of the NPPR Cadet Corps, followed by
ALBIZU leading a group of about 100 persons.
Leaving the church at about 9:30 am, the group
proceeded to the Lares cemetery where they
placed flowers on the graves of "the martyrs
who fell in the revolution of Lares." From the
cemetery the group proceeded to the public
plaza where a floral offering was placed at
the base of the obelisk raised in memory of
"the heroes of 1868." The group disbanded at
11:15 am after ALBIZU had invited the public
to attend an open assembly at 3:00 pm that
date.

3:00 pm. Public ceremonies were begun in the
Gonzalez Theater of Lares with about
300 in attendance. ALBIZU addressed this assembly
and the text of his speech is set forth under a
separate heading in this report. A recording of
this speech was broadcast on the same evening
over radio station WCMN of Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

6:10 pm. ~~X~~ ALBIZU, riding in ULISES ~~X~~ PABON's car,
returned to San Juan, accompanied by
JUANITA ~~X~~ GONZALEZ, ULISES PABON and FRANCISCO MATOS
PAOLI, arrived at the Club Nacionalista at 9:45 pm.

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9/24-10/6/50 ALBIZU did not leave his home during this period.

10/7/50 1:15 pm. To Ponce, Puerto Rico, arriving 4:35 pm, and checking into the Hotel Melia where he was visited by ESTANISLAO LUGO SANTIAGO (admittedly Secretary-Treasurer of the NPPR Municipal Board at Ponce since December, 1948) and RAMON PEDROSA RIVERA (who has admitted that he was the Commander of the NPPR Cadet Corps in the Ponce area. PEDROSA RIVERA is presently incarcerated by the Insular authorities on a charge of murdering a corporal of the Insular Police during a Nationalist disturbance in Ponce on October 30, 1950)

10/8/50 Attended funeral services for Dr. MANUEL DE LA PILA IGLESIAS, who, although not a Nationalist, attended Nationalists wounded during a shooting affray which occurred in Ponce on March 21, 1937.

On this same date, ALBIZU was in the company of MELITON MUNIZ SANTOS, admitted President of the NPPR Municipal Board in Ponce, ESTANISLAO LUGO SANTIAGO, and GUILLERMO GONZALEZ URIDES, NPPR member who was killed at Penuelas during the NPPR uprising October 30, 1950. Also during the day he was visited several times by RAMON PEDROSA RIVERA.

10/9/50 8:20 am. Left hotel and went to home of a Mrs. NICOLASA SANTIAGO MARTINEZ in Ponce and then returned to San Juan.

10/10/50 ALBIZU did not leave his home.

10/11/50 5:25 pm. Accompanied by DORIS TORRESOLA and CARMEN MARIA PEREZ, a maid in ALBIZU's home and admittedly a Nationalist since 1948, ALBIZU went to the San Juan Air Port, where he met his daughter, ROSITA, who arrived from Camaguey, Cuba. All returned to the Club Nacionalista at 7:00 pm.

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10/12/50

8:50 am. Left for Ponce, arriving at Noon and checking in at Melia Hotel.

8:15 pm. Left the hotel and went to Plaza Munoz Rivera where the NPPR was holding a public Columbus Day celebration. Here ALBIZU addressed an assembly of about 300 persons, including one officer and 9 members of the NPPR Cadet Corps. (The text of this speech is set forth under separate heading in this report).

9:50 pm. Returned to his hotel and at 10:40 pm went to the residence of a Dr. PEREZ MARCHAND in Ponce, where he remained until 12:25 a.m.

10/13/50

7:30 am. RAMON PEDROSA RIVERA visited ALBIZU at the hotel.

9:00 am. Accompanied by ESTANISLAO LUGO SANTIAGO, ALBIZU returned to San Juan.

10/14-21/50

ALBIZU did not leave home during this period.

10/22/50

5:00 pm. ALBIZU and DORIS TORRESOLA went to Puerto Nuevo, Puerto Rico, where they visited ALFREDO PLATET and then returned to Club Nacionalista at 6:30 pm.

10/23/50

7:15 pm. ALBIZU and MANUEL NEGRON NOGUERAS took the ferry to Catano, Puerto Rico, and returned to the Club Nacionalista at 8:15 pm. (MANUEL NEGRON NOGUERAS of Santurce is an admitted member of the NPPR, but is not known to hold any office in the Party).

10/24/50

ALBIZU did not leave home.

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10/25/50

8:05 pm. ALBIZU left the Club Nacionalista and proceeded to the El Meson Restaurant where he sat at a table and talked with a gentleman who appeared to be the proprietor. He left El Meson at 8:35 pm, arrived at the Club at 8:45 pm, and before entering the club, he greeted [REDACTED] who had been following close behind him. ALBIZU asked the Detective how his family was and asked about the families of the other detectives who were surveilling him. ALBIZU ended this conversation by saying to [REDACTED] "We have against us a very large force and I fear someday they may attack us. I know that you are good people and I don't want bloodshed." According to [REDACTED] ALBIZU on this evening appeared very nervous and upset about something.

9:45 pm. ALBIZU again left the club and approached the police surveillance car, greeting [REDACTED] by name and asking about [REDACTED]. On being told that [REDACTED] was in the Army, ALBIZU turned and walked around the block at a rapid pace and then reentered the club. During this walk he again appeared very nervous and from time to time looked back over his shoulder at [REDACTED] who was following him.

10:10 pm. RUTH M. REYNOLDS came out of the Club Nacionalista and told [REDACTED] that ALBIZU desired to speak with him at the club entrance. [REDACTED] met ALBIZU at the door of the club and after being identified to ALBIZU, ALBIZU told him, "I have called you here to ask you a question. I have confidential information from a reliable source that the Police Department today ordered 3 detectives to assassinate me tomorrow in Fajardo. They are not any of you."

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Then ALBIZU proceeded to describe the detectives who, according to his information, had been assigned to assassinate him. ALBIZU then said, "I know that you [REDACTED] are not capable of that nor any of you in this police car. I regard all of you highly, but they have offered those 3 detectives a recompense of \$11,000 and immunity and I know that there are people on the police force who are capable of doing anything."

ALBIZU stated that he did not want armed incidents between detectives and his people, but that if there were any he would be prepared and would seek the means to prepare his people. He said that he did not want anything like the Massacre of Ponce to happen again where many police officers were made offers to kill Nationalists and that many of them refused but many others accepted the offer and the massacre occurred. (The Ponce "Massacre" was an armed clash between Nationalists and Insular Police, Ponce, March 21, 1937, which occurred when Nationalists marched in Ponce after having been denied a permit for a parade. During this clash a number of Nationalists and others were killed.)

ALBIZU continued, saying that he had spent nine years studying at the University of Harvard and that he knew the American capitalists like ROCKEFELLER, the ROOSEVELTS and the VANDERBILTS and that he knew that they were capable of anything. He said that in view of the confidential information he had received, he had been planning that night to go to Jayuya to prepare his people and then go to Fajardo but in view of what [REDACTED] was telling him, he was not going to do it and that he would leave early the next morning for Fajardo. This conversation lasted until 10:40 pm. [REDACTED] stated that while ALBIZU was talking to him he appeared to be very apprehensive and nervous. He appeared to have in his left coat pocket some bullets which were heard to strike against one another when he moved.

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7:00 am. Accompanied by JULIO ESTRADA GARCIA of Fajardo, and VALENTIN BERLANGA of Luquillo, Puerto Rico, ALBIZU took a public car to Fajardo, arriving at the home of VALENTIN VILLAFANE FIGUEROA at 8:45 a.m. On the outskirts of Rio Piedras, a car full of NPPR bodyguards had fallen in behind ALBIZU's car and accompanied it to Fajardo. (JULIO ESTRADA GARCIA has been identified by police sources as a Nationalist; VALENTIN BERLANGA admittedly has been a member of the NPPR since 1923. VALENTIN VILLAFANE FIGUEROA has admittedly been a member of the NPPR since 1940 and was President of the Municipal Board of the NPPR in Fajardo in 1950).

ALBIZU immediately proceeded to General Valero de Bernabe Avenue in Fajardo where units of the NPPR were forming for ceremonies in commemoration of the birth of General VALERO.

9:25 am. March to the Fajardo Catholic Church was begun, led by 23 uniformed members of the NPPR Cadet Corps under the command of RAMON PEDROSA RIVERA and 3 other officers. ALBIZU joined the group while it was en route to the church.

9:50 am. The group left the church after a mass was held and proceeded to the cemetery where floral offerings were laid on the tombs of the Nationalist leaders IGNACIO RODRIGUEZ and JESUS SIACA MARTINEZ, as well as on the tomb of General VALERO.

11:10 am. The group returned to the public plaza and ALBIZU announced the morning ceremonies were concluded. He invited the public to attend the open air meeting to be held in the plaza that evening.

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8:45 pm. ALBIZU was in the public plaza for the announced meeting. He addressed the audience of some 500 persons. (The text of this speech is set forth under a separate heading in this report). At the conclusion of the public program at 10:15 p.m., ALBIZU went to the home of NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ TORRES on Federico Garcia Veve Street. (NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ TORRES has been identified by police sources as a member of the NPPR).

10:40 pm. ALBIZU left RODRIGUEZ TORRES' home en route to San Juan, arriving at his San Juan residence at 12:45 a.m.

On the return trip from Fajardo to San Juan, ALBIZU's car was accompanied by 4 other cars containing Nationalists. Two of these cars were stopped by the Insular Police on the outskirts of San Juan because they were traveling at a speed of 75 miles per hour and had "run" several traffic signals.

b7C = The driver of one of these cars, [REDACTED] was found to be carrying a .45 caliber pistol. Two occupants of the other car were armed with .9 millimeter luger pistols, and this car was found to contain 3 incendiary bombs in its luggage carrier, 2 incendiary bombs in the back seat, a pocket knife in the glove compartment, and several NPPR Cadet Corps uniforms.

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ALBIZU did not leave his home during this period.

On October 29, 1950, ROSITA ALBIZU left Puerto Rico by Pan American Airways, en route to Cuba.

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At a few minutes before Noon on this day, 5 Nationalists attacked the Governor's Mansion in downtown San Juan. Additional agents of the Internal Security Squad of the Insular Police were immediately dispatched to the Club Nacionalista, ALBIZU's residence at Sol and Cruz Streets in San Juan.

According to Insular Police statements, when Insular Police Car No. 1G-707 arrived at Sol and Cruz Streets at about 12:15 p.m., ALBIZU, standing on the balcony of the club, threw 3 homemade incendiary bombs at this car. None of these bombs exploded, but one broke the windshield of the police car. The police state that DORIS TORRESOLA ROURA threw bombs from this same balcony and fired several shots at the policemen who were in the street and that JUAN JOSE MUNOZ MATOS, admitted member of the NPPR and NPPR Cadet Corps, also fired several shots at the police from the club. The police returned this fire.

2:00 pm. DORIS TORRESOLA ROURA, JUAN JOSE MUNOZ MATOS and CARMEN MARIA PEREZ, ALBIZU's only companions in the club, descended to the street and were arrested. DORIS TORRESOLA ROURA had been wounded in the neck. No firearms were found on these individuals.

3:00 pm. JUANA BOUILLERCE GONZALEZ (identified by admitted Nationalists as having been President of the Women's Board of the NPPR in Rio Piedras in 1949) managed to enter the club, but left immediately. She was arrested and found to be unarmed.

Later in the afternoon, ALVARO RIVERA WALKER (admitted member of the NPPR since 1932 and a member of the National Board of the NPPR) managed to enter the club, where he remained.

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At about 2:00 a.m. and again at 3:00 a.m., ALVARO RIVERA WALKER fired some shots at the police from the club, but these shots were not answered.

9:00 a.m. ALBIZU came out on the balcony and called to some photographers in the street, "How is DORIS TORRESOLA doing? Why don't you print in the papers the aggression against DORIS TORRESOLA? That is why I threw the bombs."

8:00 pm. One EFRAIN LOPEZ CORCHADO attempted to pass the police and enter the club. When detectives attempted to stop him, there resulted a struggle between him and the detectives, in the course of which he was shot. He later confessed that he was a Nationalist who had come from Mayaguez to bring a message from the Nationalists there to ALBIZU. LOPEZ CORCHADO died without saying what message he was bringing to ALBIZU.

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3:00 am. PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS was advised over loud speakers that the police had warrants of arrest for both him and ALVARO RIVERA WALKER. When these individuals failed to leave the club, teargas shells were fired into the building, and soon thereafter, ALBIZU and RIVERA WALKER surrendered unarmed. They were taken to Insular Police headquarters for questioning and were held there for some days later being lodged in the San Juan District Jail, where they are presently incarcerated.

Shortly after ALBIZU's arrest, the club was searched by Insular authorities and the following items were found:

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9 incendiary bombs
1 nickel plated .45 caliber Colt, registered in the
- name of PEDRO ULISES PABON
26 cartridges for a .32 caliber revolver
1 Colt .25 caliber pistol with a loaded clip and
a cartridge in the chamber - Czechoslovakian make.
1 Smith and Wesson .32 caliber revolver - loaded
1 P-38 Luger with loaded clip and a cartridge
in the chamber
33 .45 caliber cartridges.

Also found in the street in front of the club,
were 12 homemade bombs and the remains of two other bombs allegedly
thrown by ALBIZU.

It is to be noted that on October 30 and 31, 1950,
there was a series of terrorist actions by Nationalists in the
towns of Ponce, Penuelar, Irecibo, Jayuya, Utuado, San Juan,
Santurce, Mayaguez and Maranjito, Puerto Rico, during which 20
persons were wounded, 22 killed and various public buildings
damaged or destroyed.

Results of the Insular Police surveillance of
Club Nacionalista, ALBIZU's residence, reflect that the following
were the most frequent visitors to the club during the period of this
report:

JUAN FRANCISCO ALAMO DIAZ
Bayamon, Puerto Rico

Sentenced U.S. District Court, San Juan, January 10,
1938, to five years on a charge of attempting to assassinate Federal
Judge ROBERT A. COOPER June 8, 1937, at San Juan. Former Vice President
of the NPPR and admittedly a member since 1924.

Dates: 4/18,26; 5/12,15,31; 6/7,18,27; 8/11; 9/3,4; 10/1,27,28,29/50

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JULIO RAMON DEL RIO ADAMES
Santurce, Puerto Rico

Admittedly Inspector-General of Cadets of NPPR, 1950

Dates: 5/1,2,26; 6/7,17,24; 7/1,12,30; 8/9,14,31; 9/12,13,16,28;
10/6,7/50

RAIMUNDO DIAZ PACHECO
Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico

Treasurer-General of NPPR, 1950. Killed in attack
on Governor's Mansion, San Juan, October 30, 1950.

Dates: 4/3,15,17,20,26,28; 5/1,4,8,13,14,18,20,25,26,29,30; 6/2,6,7,8,
10,12,17,23,26-28,30; 7/1,10,12,14,15,17,18,21,27; 8/1,5,8,12,
14,17,19,21,23,29-31; 9/1,10,15,21,28; 10/2,6,11,14,19,21,24,25,
27-29/50

FRANCISCA ISOLINA GARCIA RONDON
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Described by police sources as occasional Secretary
to PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS.

Dates: 4/1,15,29; 5/13; 6/3,17,24; 7/1,8,15,22; 8/19; 9/12; 10/27,28,
29/50

FRANCISCO MATOS PAOLI
Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico

Admittedly Secretary-General of the NPPR, 1950

Dates: 4/23; 5/18; 6/4,10,11,17,24; 7/2,22,23,30; 8/12; 9/10; 10/28/50

RAMON MEDINA RAMIREZ
Santurce, Puerto Rico

Admittedly delegate to National Board of NPPR, 1950

Dates: 4/17; 5/2; 6/1,5,10-14,17,24; 7/1,11,26,27,31; 8/3-5,13,29;
9/27; 10/29/50

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MANUEL NEGRON NOGUERAS
Santurce, Puerto Rico

Admittedly member of NPPR, but not known to hold any office in the Party.

Dates: 4/1,5,14,17,22,26; 5/2,5,19; 6/5,20,23,25; 7/8,19,22, 30;
8/4,5,12,13,15,26; 9/9,12,15,30; 10/1,10,23,28/50

PEDRO ULISES PABON RIOPEDRE
San German, Puerto Rico

Admittedly member of NPPR since about 1929 and a confidant of ALBIZU's.

Dates: 5/19; 7/22,23,26; 8/5; 9/2; 10/27/50

RUTH MARY REYNOLDS
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Admits being a close personal friend of ALBIZU since 1941 and admits writing much NPPR propaganda, but denies being a Nationalist.

Dates: Visited almost daily from 4/1/50 until ALBIZU's arrest.

ISABEL ROSADO MORALES
Ceiba, Puerto Rico

Admittedly a Nationalist since 1930 and member of National Board of NPPR in 1948.

Dates: 6/15,16,22,28; 7/9,17,19; 8/21; 9/12; 10/10,21/50

DOMINGO SALTARICRESPO
Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico

Admittedly NPPR member. Sentenced in 1939 for attempted assassination of the Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico in Washington, D. C.

Dates: 4/17; 5/1,30; 6/17,22; 7/18,27,29,31/ 8/1,2,3,5,7,8,11-20,22-27;
9/13,15,17,30; 10/4,5,7,17,19,20,22/50

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~~VIDAL SANTIAGO DIAZ~~
Santurce, Puerto Rico

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Admittedly member of NPPR since about 1932. President of Santurce Municipal Board of NPPR, 1950. Leader of gun battle between Insular Police and Nationalists in Barrio Obrero, Santurce, October 31, 1950.

Dates: 4/19; 5/7,18,21; 6/12; 8/7,15,16,20,27; 9/24; 10/25/50

DORIS TORRESOLA ROURA
Jayuya and San Juan, Puerto Rico

Admittedly member of NPPR since early youth. Reported by police sources as having served as housekeeper for ALBIZU.

Dates: Visited almost daily from 4/1/50 until ALBIZU's arrest.

ELIC TORRESOLA ROURA
Jayuya, Puerto Rico

Admittedly member of NPPR National Board, 1950. Co-leader of NPPR uprising in Jayuya, October 31, 1950.

Dates: 4/21; 5/4,11,23; 6/11,27; 7/2,8,14; 8/5,29; 9/27,28/50

~~JULIO DE SANTIAGO GRAFALS~~
Juncos, Puerto Rico

Admittedly a member of NPPR since 1934 or 1935 and interim President of the NPPR until ALBIZU's return to Puerto Rico in 1947.

Dates: 4/4,15,22; 5/4,22,26; 6/1,3,6,8,9,13,17,22,24,29; 7/1,15,19,27;
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B. STATEMENTS OF PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS SUBSEQUENT TO HIS ARREST

On November 2, 1950, while ALBIZU was still incarcerated at the Insular Police Headquarters in San Juan, he had a conversation with Insular [REDACTED] during which he said, "The Yankees have a number of capitalists at their command in Puerto Rico to liquidate the Puerto Ricans, but they are playing with fire and don't dare to meet us face to face, but attempted to make us fight among ourselves." Later in the conversation, he said, "Listen, [REDACTED] you are my brother, you know that I like you boys very much. We know all about the lives of you 8 fellows. (Note: referring to the 8 detectives who had been surveilling ALBIZU). Last year when we went to Manati we were going to fight. I had put my people on notice to start shooting the moment any attempt was made to arrest methat night I had planned 'a grand reception' for you fellows in the cross-roads at Casa Blanca, but then I decided to order my boys to calm down and do nothing." [REDACTED] explained that Casa Blanca is a place on the highway leading to Jayuya and that on the night referred to by ALBIZU (June 11, 1950), the Insular Police had noted a great number of Nationalists in movement at this place and the "grand reception" to which ALBIZU referred is believed by [REDACTED] to refer to a proposed attack on the detectives following ALBIZU's automobile because on that night when they arrived at Jayuya at the residence of BIANCA CANALES there had been a great number of persons near this house, apparently prepared to impede ALBIZU's arrest.

[REDACTED] has further advised that on November 3, 1950, ALBIZU spoke to him as follows: "Sit down, son, don't you think the Yankees are cowards? They don't dare to use their soldiers in fighting with us because they know that then all we Puerto Ricans would jump on them and they would have to give us independence because all the other Spanish American nations would complain of their treatment of us and that is what they fear. Don't you think they are bandits? Inside of 3 or 4 generations all the Puerto Ricans will become Americans and no longer be Puerto Ricans because on registering to vote, they have to sign a statement under penalty of imprisonment, to the effect that they are American citizens."

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[redacted] Insular Police, advises that on November 3, 1950, ALBIZU advised him that the Nationalist uprising had failed because the fight had been among fellow Puerto Ricans, the Nationalists, the National Guard and the Insular Police, but that if it had been a fight between the Nationalists and the Army and Navy of the United States, these forces would by now have been forced out of Puerto Rico because under these conditions all the Puerto Rican people would have fought along side the Nationalists. [redacted] stated that ALBIZU then said "Those are the fortunes of war, you either win or you loose - but for each one of us that they kill, 10 of them will die." He then added, "My men wished to begin with the men who are assigned to follow my car and who follow me wherever I go. They wished to kill them all and to burn their car, but I did not permit this. I always told them that you are good men and fathers of families. I don't wish any harm for any of you."

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[redacted] advised that on November 3, 1950, [redacted] ALBIZU at police headquarters in San Juan, he had endeavored to obtain some information regarding the past activities of ALBIZU and the Nationalist Party. In this regard, he said that he specifically asked ALBIZU whether the Nationalist movement in Puerto Rico was through, to which ALBIZU responded that he was not of the opinion that the movement was through, and that although at present there was a cessation of hostilities, things would soon start all over again. [redacted] advised that he also specifically asked ALBIZU whether he had given orders to the Nationalists to attack and ALBIZU had claimed that the occurrences in connection with the uprising had come as a complete surprise to him. [redacted] that he gathered the impression, from his conversation with ALBIZU, that the Nationalists had expected the National Guard in Puerto Rico to join them, not to fight against them.

On November 4, 1950, PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS was interviewed privately in his cell at the San Juan jail by Special Agents FRANCIS E. CROSBY and JACK C. SPENCER.

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ALBIZU was informed that he had not been charged by the Federal Government, that he could not be required to make any statement, that he was entitled to counsel, and that anything he might say could be used against him in court. ALBIZU, in a courteous manner, advised that he did not desire to make any statement at that time, that he was not in possession of any facts which could serve as a basis for a statement, and that he would be obliged to answer "no comment" to any questions which might be put to him by the interviewing Agents.

ALBIZU was asked whether there was a Nationalist plan for the acts of violence in Puerto Rico which began on October 30, 1950, and he replied, "no comment." He gave a similar reply when asked whether there was a Nationalist plan for the attempt on the life of President TRUMAN on November 1, 1950, when asked whether there was a relation between the acts of violence in Puerto Rico and the attempt on the life of President TRUMAN, and when asked whether he or the Nationalist Party disavowed these acts of violence.

Of significance in indicating the control ALBIZU had of the NPPR, is his response to the question as to whether members of the Communist Party in Puerto Rico had been involved in the NPPR uprising. ALBIZU stated that he did not wish to be interpreted as admitting that the NPPR was responsible for the acts of violence in Puerto Rico and in Washington, D.C., but that he did want to make it clear that any concert in acts of violence between the NPPR and the Communist Party, or between his Lieutenants in the NPPR and the Communist Party, would have been impossible without his knowledge, and he had no such knowledge.

It is to be noted that the Communist Party of Puerto Rico has been identified by Confidential Informant (T-5, of known reliability, ³²) as being affiliated with the Communist Party, USA, which ^U has been cited by the Attorney General as a subversive organization which seeks to destroy the form of the government of the United States by unconstitutional means.

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ALBIZU advised that he has known GRISELIO TORRESOLA since childhood and OSCAR COLLAZO since about 1932. (OSCAR COLLAZO has been given a death sentence as a result of the attempt made by him and GRISELIO TORRESOLA on the life of President TRUMAN in Washington, D.C. on November 1, 1950). ALBIZU stated that he considered both these men to be loyal patriotic and brave members of the Nationalist Party.

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C. INFORMATION LINKING PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS WITH PLANS FOR THE NPPR UPRISING IN PUERTO RICO (OCTOBER 30, 1950) AND THE ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF PRESIDENT TRUMAN (NOVEMBER 1, 1950)

On November 22, 1950, T-1 stated that he had been advised by a source who is close to PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS, and whom informant considers to be highly reliable, that ALBIZU had given orders for violence to occur on November 3, 1950, in order to prevent the registration for voting on a proposed constitution for Puerto Rico, which registration was scheduled for November 4 and 5, 1950. ALBIZU allegedly gave orders to NPPR leaders some time before the Fajardo meeting of October 26, 1950, that if a clash between the police and the Nationalists occurred prior to November 3, 1950, they were to immediately go into action. Informant T-1 stated that this source had further quoted ALBIZU as saying that the attempt on the life of President TRUMAN had been an error; that he had not given orders for an attempt on the President's life, but that he had instructed the Manhattan (New York) Board of the NPPR to send someone to Washington, D.C. upon the outbreak of hostilities in Puerto Rico to assassinate a high Government official. (S)

On November 21, 1950, at the Arecibo District Jail [redacted] furnished a signed statement to Special Agent HOWARD K. RUTHERFORD, in which he admitted being a member of the NPPR in Utuado, and in which he stated that on October 22, 1950, he had attended a closed meeting of the 11 NPPR members in the home of HERIBERTO CASTRO, whom he identified as Commander in Chief of the NPPR Cadets. (HERIBERTO CASTRO was killed during the Nationalist uprising in Utuado on October 30, 1950). [redacted] stated that HERIBERTO CASTRO told the group at this meeting that he had received orders from PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS to lead an attack against the town of Utuado at noon on October 30, 1950. [redacted] said that the highlights for the plan for Utuado, as outlined by CASTRO, were to attack the police department and the post office and to raise the Puerto Rican flag over the city hall. (b7C)

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On November 10, 1950, [REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agents CHARLES I. CARTER and BRUNO F. DREYER at the Arecibo District Jail, at which time he furnished a signed statement denying that he was a member of the NPPR, but stating that he had attended NPPR meetings and donated money to the organization. [REDACTED] stated that on October 30, 1950, he was at the house of RICARDO DIAZ DIAZ, SR., in Barrio Santana, Arecibo, and that there were many people congregated there. He stated that TOMAS LOPEZ DE VICTORIA and RICARDO DIAZ DIAZ, JR., had advised the group that they were "awaiting orders." (TOMAS LOPEZ DE VICTORIA was identified in May, 1950, by T-6, of known reliability, as a Colonel of NPPR cadets. RICARDO DIAZ DIAZ, JR., has been identified by police sources as a Captain of NPPR cadets). u

[REDACTED] stated that at about 10:00 a.m. on October 30, 1950, LUIS MANUEL O'NEILL ROSARIO drove up to this house in a car and went directly to JUAN JACA HERNANDEZ and TOMAS LOPEZ DE VICTORIA giving them a slip of paper. According to [REDACTED] LOPEZ DE VICTORIA spoke a moment with RICARDO DIAZ DIAZ, JR., and then announced to the group, "We have received orders from 'the old man' to attack throughout the island. The hour to attack is 12:30." b7c

[REDACTED] further stated that while they were in the mountains on October 30, 1950, JUAN JACA asked O'NEILL, "Why did you arrive so late with the message from the old man?" O'NEILL answered, "I received the orders late from the old man and I had to go by my house for a medal." [REDACTED] said further that O'NEILL also stated that the old man had sent him directly to join the group of JUAN JACA in Arecibo.

[REDACTED] advised finally that during a conversation in the mountains, subsequent to October 30, between JUAN JACA, TOMAS LOPEZ DE VICTORIA and O'NEILL, they commented that after the arrest of NPPR members in San Juan on October 26, 1950, PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS had sent messages throughout the Island to prepare the Nationalist people because there was a possibility that the police were going to search all the houses of the Nationalists.

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On November 6, 1950, [REDACTED] Barrio Miraflores, Arecibo, Puerto Rico, furnished a signed statement to Special Agents CHARLES I. CARTER and BRUNO F. DREYER at the Arecibo District Jail. In this statement he advised that he entered the NPPR six months prior to the date of interview. He stated that he went to the home of RICARDO DIAZ DIAZ, SR., on the morning of October 28, 1950, and that when he arrived there he found several members of the NPPR already gathered there, among them the subject. He advised that from that period until October 30, 1950, preparations were made for the revolt and that he saw several NPPR members putting gasoline and oil in bottles in a cement house known as the "Temple" on the farm of RICARDO DIAZ DIAZ, SR.

In an addendum to his statement [REDACTED] advised that during the meeting held Sunday morning, October 29, 1950, in Barrio Santana, JUAN JACA HERNANDEZ and TOMAS LOPEZ DE VICTORIA told the group that the orders for the violence came from PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS. He verified the arrival of LUIS MANUEL O'NEILL at the home of RICARDO DIAZ DIAZ, SR., on Sunday morning, October 29, 1950. He also advised that O'NEILL upon his arrival engaged in conference with JUAN JACA and LOPEZ DE VICTORIA. He said that after this conference, JUAN JACA came out of the house and said in a loud voice, to all the people present, "We have received orders from the old man." MENDEZ GANDIA also stated that he had seen O'NEILL talking to JUAN JACA in front of the barbershop of JACA in Arecibo, about one week prior to October 30, 1950.

On November 4, 1950, Confidential Informant T-3 advised that about 17 NPPR members were congregated at the home of RICARDO DIAZ DIAZ, SR., on October 30, 1950, at 8:00 AM. He said that JUAN JACA addressed the group saying, "Now is the time to start in the whole land; these are the orders from the old man." T-3 stated that JUAN JACA designated six individuals to accompany ISMAEL MATOS DIAZ to Arecibo and that these individuals subsequently made the attack on the Arecibo Police Station. Informant identified ISMAEL MATOS DIAZ as an NPPR member from Barrio Santana, Arecibo, P.R.

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On November 8, 1950, [REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agents CHARLES I. CARTER and BRUNO F. DREYER at the Arecibo District Jail. He furnished a signed statement in which he admitted membership in the NPPR for about 3 months prior to the date of interview. He advised that he had gone to the home of RICARDO DIAZ DIAZ, SR., on October 27, 1950, in the evening and that he had remained there until Monday morning. He stated that he observed several NPPR members putting oil and gasoline in bottles on Saturday, October 28, 1950. He stated that about 9:30 or 10:00 AM Monday, October 30, he was in the yard of the home of RICARDO DIAZ DIAZ, SR., when TOMAS LOPEZ DE VICTORIA and JUAN JACA and a youth named O'NEILL entered the house of RICARDO DIAZ DIAZ. On the balcony of the house of RICARDO DIAZ DIAZ, he stated he saw O'NEILL take a piece of paper out of his pocket and give this paper to JUAN JACA and TOMAS LOPEZ DE VICTORIA to read. LOPEZ DE VICTORIA said to all the people gathered around the house, "We now have orders from the old man to attack throughout the Island."

[REDACTED] advised that he was then ordered into a bus in which were seated 12 other individuals among them JUAN JACA. He stated that the bus took off in the direction of Utuado and that they became lost in the mountains and that they continued on foot. He stated that JUAN JACA advised that they were going to Utuado to assist the Nationalists there. He stated that at 12:05 PM on Monday, October 30, LOPEZ DE VICTORIA looked at the watch he was wearing and said "Right now they are attacking Arecibo, Jayuya, Utuado and San Juan." Then JUAN JACA said to LOPEZ DE VICTORIA, "The old man will have reinforcements there." O'NEILL answered, "The old man does not want anyone with him there."

[REDACTED] advised further that JUAN JACA and LOPEZ DE VICTORIA asked O'NEILL why he had arrived so late with the orders and O'NEILL answered, "What happened was that I received the orders late from the old man." [REDACTED] stated that on Wednesday, November 1, when the group were all lost together in the mountains, O'NEILL stated that "PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS sent me directly to Arecibo to join the group of JUAN JACA." He advised that during October 31, they heard by radio on a farm that the National Guard had entered Jayuya and Utuado. JUAN JACA stated that, "If we go to Utuado, they will fry us." The group, according to CRESPO, then retired the way from which they had come.

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On Wednesday, November 3, 1950, according to [REDACTED] O'NEILL stated that he had arrived late from San Juan with a message from Don PEDRO because he had to stop at his house to obtain a medal of the sainted Jesus.

On November 8, 1950, [REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agents CARTER and DREYER at the Arecibo Police Station. He advised that he had lived in Barrio Santana all of his life and had been a member of the NPPR for five months. He stated that on Saturday, October 28, 1950, he was told to report to the home of RICARDO DIAZ DIAZ, SR., by RICARDO DIAZ DIAZ, JR. He said that when he arrived at the DIAZ home there were a great number of people in attendance and that they all had pistols and were cleaning them. He advised that he remained on the farm Saturday and Sunday and that on Monday, October 30, 1950, he saw O'NEILL, JACA and LOPEZ DE VICTORIA and RICARDO DIAZ DIAZ, SR., leaving the house, and that LOPEZ DE VICTORIA said to all the people present, "We have received orders from the old man."

[REDACTED] stated that immediately afterwards the people were dispersed to various cars and buses. [REDACTED] further stated that on October 30, 1950, TOMAS LOPEZ DE VICTORIA said, "We have received orders from the old man and are to attack throughout the island at 12:00 Noon."

After their arrest, both JUAN JACA HERNANDEZ and TOMAS LOPEZ DE VICTORIA denied O'NEILL's role as a messenger for ALBIZU CAMPOS, and LOPEZ DE VICTORIA claimed that the plans for attack were his own. The Insular Police surveillance of ALBIZU's residence in San Juan reflects no visit by O'NEILL between May 28, 1950, and PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS' arrest on November 2, 1950.

[REDACTED] of the Internal Security Squad, Insular Police, has advised that on the evening of November 7, 1950, while speaking with ALBIZU, who at that time was incarcerated in San Juan, he had asked ALBIZU whether he had counted on having many people help in the uprising. [REDACTED] states that ALBIZU answered that he had but that the uprising had been premature; that he had been taken by surprise by the searches which had been begun by the Insular Police in Ponce; that his people had been put on the defensive and could not allow themselves to be disarmed; that if attacked, the Nationalists would always answer such attacks.

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When the Detective asked ALBIZU where the Nationalist attacks were to have occurred, ALBIZU answered that they were to have been in succession all over. When asked if he had many people who would support his movement in the United States, he answered that he had many people and that his was a powerful organization. Then he said, "This is the last rebellion here." But shortly thereafter he said, "There will be many more and large ones, so long as the Yankees don't recognize our rights."

Among the affects of GRISELIO TORRESOLA, following the attempt on the life of President TRUMAN in Washington, D.C., on November 1, 1950, were found the following letter and memorandum, both in the Spanish language:

"San Juan, Puerto Rico
September 21, 1950

"My dear GRISELIO:

"If by any circumstance it may be necessary that you assume the leadership of the Movement in the United States, you will do it without any kind of qualms. We leave everything concerning this affair to your high patriotism and sound discretion.

"I embrace you.

"PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS."

The following is a translation of the memorandum which was also written in the Spanish language:

"GRISELIO will draw the funds which he deems necessary to attend to the supreme necessities of the cause. He will be responsible directly to the Treasurer General. The Delegate will lend him all the cooperation necessary that his mission will be a triumph.

"San Juan, Puerto Rico
"September 21, 1950
"PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS."

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On November 4, 1950, when ALBIZU was interviewed by Special Agents FRANCIS E. CROSBY and JACK C. SPENCER, he was shown photostatic copies of the above letter and memorandum and identified them as copies of an authentic letter and memorandum which had been delivered to GRISELIO TORRESOLA. He admitted that he saw GRISELIO TORRESOLA in Puerto Rico on September 21, 1950, but declined to state whether he had delivered these items to TORRESOLA personally or whether it was done through an intermediary. He stated that he fully understood the implications of the letter and memorandum, but answered "no comment" when questioned as to the meaning thereof.

The Miami Office has verified that GRISELIO TORRESOLA departed Newark, New Jersey, September 16, 1950, via Continental Charters Airlines en route to San Juan. The records of Pan American Air Ways at New York reflect that GRISELIO TORRESOLA departed San Juan, Puerto Rico, September 22, 1950, en route New York City.

On November 9 and again on November 10, 1950, [REDACTED] was interviewed in the Insular Municipal Hospital in Santurce, Puerto Rico, by Special Agents ARNOLD D. ORRANTIA and TOBIAS E. MATTHEWS.

[REDACTED] stated that GRISELIO TORRESOLA, immediately upon arriving in San Juan from New York City, went to the residence of ALBIZU CAMPOS where he spoke to ALBIZU. She stated that GRISELIO came there simply to get her so that she could direct him to the ALFREDO PLATET residence in Puerto Nuevo. She stated that GRISELIO spoke with ALBIZU in her presence, but did not discuss Nationalist Party activities. She further stated that GRISELIO, while in Puerto Rico during this visit, resided at ALFREDO PLATET's home in Puerto Nuevo.

[REDACTED] stated that before GRISELIO TORRESOLA departed for New York City he again came to ALBIZU's residence, stating that he desired to become more active on behalf of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico in New York City. She stated that at this time ALBIZU gave GRISELIO two letters; one of them addressed to PINTO GANDIA, the Nationalist Party leader in New York City. She said that in this letter, ALBIZU recommended GRISELIO to GANDIA as a loyal, trustworthy,

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and capable individual. He also thanked GANDIA for certain courtesies and attention that GANDIA had shown to a relative of his who had been ill in New York City. [REDACTED] stated that the other letter given by ALBIZU to GRISELIO was an open letter of recommendation written by ALBIZU on behalf of GRISELIO. She said that these two letters had been given to GRISELIO by ALBIZU for delivery to PINTO GANDIA. b7c

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D. SPEECHES OF PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS

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Speech delivered in Spanish by PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS on April 8, 1950, in the Recreation Park at Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico, before the monument of RAMON EMETERIO BETANCES. (BETANCES was a physician, writer and revolutionary leader who was closely associated with both the Puerto Rican and Cuban revolutionary movements). This ceremony was attended by

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[REDACTED] the Insular Police. Speech was broadcast over radio station WORA (Mayaguez)

"Beloved brothers, it behooves every generation to gather up the ashes of its elders. The sacred remains of the 'Father of our country' are in your power. This is not an ordinary monument; it has suffered transfiguration because in its bosom are the remains of that great patriot, RAMON EMETERIO BETANCES. His ashes, brought from Paris, are kept in this monument. This is the sanctuary of our native land, the sanctuary of our patriotism. It behooves all who come here, to weep before these venerated ashes and to receive the same inspiration which this evening has moved the leading contemporary poet of Puerto Rico, FRANCISCO MATOS PIELI, Secretary General of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico. It behooves us to receive lovingly the ashes of our elders, because their ashes are not common ashes, they are the powder from which spring all the grandeur of a race and of a nation. Those who do not venerate the ashes of their elders are truly dead and are not human. It behooves us to love, weep for and adore all past greatness, because greatness is not a temporal thing.

"I greet you with the devotion which unites us in the immense worship of our Fatherland at a critical time in its history. We are tired of bearing with patience a debasing slavery. We are weary of the presence of a despotism and all its symbols. We are sickened by the presence of men and women who attempt to assume authority in our country, without accepting the name of 'Puerto Ricans'. We are tired of all this and are resolved to firmly defy this tyranny.

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"Here we have all these blessed children, these brave young people, these beautiful ladies, who carry within them all the grandeur of our land. We have come together with our characteristic humility to renew a vow. We are in the presence of august ashes. We are in the presence of an august memory. We are under your gaze. We love the light in your eyes, we love the light in your soul, we love the courage in your heart, we love the greatness of your blood, we love the generosity which characterizes the Puerto Ricans, a generosity which must be manifested in sublime and heroic acts for the independence of Puerto Rico. This is a transcendental moment in our history.

"The puppets who the enemy parades before us, some born in Puerto Rico and others born in Yankeeland, do not impress us. They are puppets and they live like puppets, and the enemy scorns them after beheading them. He sits them on his lap; he makes them speak his language; he makes them use his words; he makes them say what is most convenient for him. And when he tires of having the puppet seated on his lap, he beheads it.

"Your time has arrived. Our generation has an immense privilege, the privilege of feeling itself sickened by this slavery, the privilege of defying slavery, the privilege of defying tyranny. That is your privilege. Where is your light? Where are your eyes? Where is your resolution? Where is that impulse of bravery, of courage and of greatness which has brought us here to this tribune, which has brought us here into the presence of the venerated ashes of the great patriot, of the great 'Father of our Country'? Why have we met here? Why do we study these flags of all the nations of the New World, of all the countries of our race, of all the free nations of our same heritage? The only captive flag in our America is the flag of Puerto Rico. We must take it out of its captive urn, we must take it out of the Yankee jail; we must raise it, lift it not only over the Capitol, but over all the peaks of Puerto Rico, especially over the summit of the brave hearts of the men and women of Puerto Rico. There is no summit more worthy than that of human bravery, none more worthy than the sacrifice of men and women resolved to die for a great ideal.

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"This is a decisive moment for Puerto Rico; it is a moment which calls all of us to transcendental action; it is the moment which calls us to rid ourselves of bastard loves, of pettiness, of unspeakable egoisms; it is the moment when we must be what we are. We are a people of true Christian greatness. This religious shrine is not raised in our presence, nor are these towers erected, nor do those bells ring, in vain. That is, there is represented the amphora of a greatness, of a gospel, of the spiritual elevation of our people, which places us in the vanguard of the great, in the vanguard of Christianity on the earth.

"Shall we renounce our greatness? Why bury ourselves in a world of filth, in a world of material greed, in a world of subornation, in a world of slaves? Why shouldn't this people be raised to the heights of him whom they called 'The Father of Our Country'? Where are we? We are in Cabo Rojo. Here, as the great poet has just said, the earth trembles to bring forth a petal, that from that petal may come a bud, a bud which must become a precious flower from the greatest soul of our country, from the soul of Betances. Where are our hearts? Where are the leaders of our people? Where are the illustrious daughters of our people? What can have become of the virgin of Betances, for whom he risked imprisonment and death? His remains have been brought here for burial in order that his spirit may nourish our hearts, our memories and our resolution so that we may be worthy of the gaze of a great woman born in our country. Where are the men of Puerto Rico who permit this humiliation of their wives and sons? Do these men merit such beautiful and virtuous women? Love demands of us something more than complacency, than gentleness, than the generosity of a dowry or a gift. Love will demand a perfect mode of living, which will make us respect the dignity of women, the dignity of motherhood, the dignity of our sons, the dignity of all posterity. Men of Cabo Rojo, arise! Men of Puerto Rico arise! Women of Puerto Rico, arise! Reject the courtship of the cowards; reject the courtship of those who betray our land! Those who do not love their native land are not worthy of a gentle glance from a woman born in this land.

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"It is your hour. It is our hour. It is the hour of prayer; it is the hour of resolution. The empire does not wish to yield; the Yankee empire is brutal, brutal. It is an empire ruled by cynical and brutal men. They think that because they possess the atom bomb they can sit on the heads of all human beings. Their's is a power which respects nothing but brute force. They have been met with spiritual force and are going to be met with all the force which spiritual strength can generate. Neither the hydrogen bomb nor all the other bombs which man can make has such power as the will of a heart of gold. The most powerful empire can be shaken to its roots by the heroism of a single man or woman. They can overthrow it, smash it and crush it. And that faith and that conscience is what to us? What is there to be afraid of? Who are the Yankees that you should fear them? Why are you afraid of them? Here three young men have just marched by who challenged the outrage of this empire which wishes to impose obligatory military service upon us, Fear of exile, of the penitentiary, of jail, of death; all these are preferable to slavery. But this is also the time to impose physical and moral sanctions on the curs who wish to impose their authority upon our land, whether they are born here or whether they are Yankees who have been brought here.

"This is ours. Here are the ashes of your mothers, of your grandmothers, of your grandfathers. Here is all the love with which they founded this land, with which they planted these precious trees, with which they raised these monuments, with which they built your churches, tombs and baptismal fountains for us to receive the benediction and light of Christianity. We are not going to lose all our past achievements through cowardice. We are not going to give up our legacy of heroism and courage. Why? How are we going to give up the wisdom, the beauty, the eternal vision of our race? With what right do they wish to bring us to be worms of the earth, and to be beasts of burden for the Yankees? With what right? It is necessary to raise the strongest and most severe sanctions against everything which serves as an instrument of tyranny, and against all who wish to exercise force or authority in the name of the Government of the United States. Here no one has the right to exercise any authority which does not emanate directly from Puerto Rico. The Yankees do not want Puerto Rico to be a free, sovereign and independent nation, but until such time as Puerto Rico is free, sovereign and independent and able to confer authority on someone, no one will have any authority in Puerto Rico, neither judges, prosecutors, police, governors, or any charlatan in Puerto Rico.

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"Let us increase our courage and our indomitable will. We are not defying anybody. Yankee tyranny everywhere, the Yankee flag in all parts of Puerto Rico, and the shadow of death, wherever it may fall - these things are challenging us. They are challenging us with 52 years of slavery which has been brought upon our people. Two generations have been raised in the shadow of slavery. The work of Betances almost destroyed, the work of Lares practically destroyed. In Lares it was proclaimed asof the republic the abolition of slavery. The Yankees in 1898 restored slavery, not only of the negroes, but of the whites, and of all Puerto Ricans. They revoked, or they tried to revoke, the personality of Puerto Rico, and they even went so far as to want us to present ourselves as a community of Yankees. Imagine that, you citizens of Cabo Rojo! A community of Yankees; yes, of Yankees, here in Cabo Rojo. The toadies of the Yankees here say that we are Yankees. Imagine those puppets in San Juan, saying that you are a community of Yankees. I believe these gentlemen should be given a loving reception when they come to Cabo Rojo; a few stones here and there, and it would be a good idea for them to come near their noses, so they will see the truth and respect this town.

"It is the hour of resolution. A man is afraid when he does not know what to do. A woman trembles when she does not know what to do. Courage does not need physical strength. The weakest woman can overthrow an empire if she has courage. Let them seize their rosary and find inspiration in eternity. It is our women who push the men forward to make of them the glorious men which they were born to be. The women of Puerto Rico did not give birth to cowards. We have to be men so that we may be heroes for the history of the world. A man is not worthy of the womb of women, if he does not defend with his life the honor of that woman and of his country. Here in Cabo Rojo, there must soon be a revival, one of the greatest in Puerto Rico. You have been very privileged; here was born the greatest patriot of the 19th century Puerto Rico, here rest his ashes. How we venerate him the poet has already said. When the poet speaks we hear the voice of beauty, the voice of adoration, the adoration which we feel within us. Something divine has arisen from his presence. Listen, here are the ashes of Betances; the heart of all Puerto Ricans has to be here, the courage of all Puerto Ricans, the heroism and the grandest and noblest blood of Puerto Rico must be here. And here the despotism of the United States must be smashed to pieces. I have spoken."

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Speech delivered in Spanish by PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS
on 4/16/50 at a public meeting in the Plaza of Barrio
Obrero, Santurce, P.R. in commemoration of the birth
of JOSE de DIEGO. (JOSE de DIEGO, 1866-1918, was a
Speaker of the P.R. House of Representatives and one
of the most outstanding Independence leaders of
Puerto Rico.) Meeting attended by [REDACTED]

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".....You have just heard the inspiration of the greatest poet.
'May God hear your prayers.' Let us render tribute to the dead heroes who died
for the independence of Puerto Rico, the tribute of a people of an exquisite
refinement like ours. The name of JOSE de DIEGO is united to the flag of the
native land. I remember in 1924 on the Plaza de Armas of San Juan when Puerto
Rican nationalism was still not mature and it was necessary to keep a small
Yankee flag in the speaking stand to protect oneself. I remember that day of
JOSE de DIEGO when the privilege of closing the meeting was given to me. The stand
had a small Yankee flag on the left; on the right a large Puerto Rican flag.
It was the only place in Puerto Rico where nationalism erected its stand. A
little flag of three inches of a tyranny. The shadow of a little flag of three
inches, if it is of tyranny, can mean death. Nevertheless, what there was was
fear, a panic fear for the troops in the Morro, a panic fear on the part of the
maddler. The Puerto Ricans believed that that little Yankee flag was going to
protect them against an aggression. I picked up the three little Yankee flags
and put them on one side. (As customary, at this time the police photographer
took a picture of the orator and the latter said in an angry and threatening
way): We are going to warn the police that if the police insists on taking
photographs here, it is going to see bloodshed. Let the nationalists take
measures immediately. Let us finish with this nonsense. Our patience is
becoming exhausted. Everyone is ready for an aggression here. If this boy dares
to raise his camera, we are going to split his head open. Everyone ready? This
is a continuous provocation. It appears that they want something; they are
anxious to see the blood of this people. This is going to happen. We are
going to see if they want to start the revolution here tonight. All this per-
secution, the body of detectives which goes behind me. ALBIZU CAMPOS does not
need detectives to walk through the streets of Puerto Rico. We are going to
end all this persecution. We are going to beat them and we are going to execute
them. When he raises the camera we are going to fire on him right away to
finish with this nonsense. We are tired of this, we are tired of this. It is
a sad thing that men born in this land should be inciters. Let the Yankee forces
come here and take photographs. Let the Federal agents come. If Puerto Ricans
do not respect the flag of their country, they are not worthy of being born here.
ALBIZU CAMPOS is not going to hide so that no one will take his photograph;
he never hid himself, nor will he ever hide. No Puerto Rican has to hide in
Puerto Rico. Here the only ones who have to hide are the Yankees because they
do not have any right to be here. 'DOWN WITH THE YANKES!'

"Well then, this is how it happened that our native rostrum cleansed
itself of cowardice and the insult of tyranny disappeared. In Puerto Rico there

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is one single flag, the flag of Puerto Rico; it is the only flag which the Puerto Ricans have. It is the flag which the whole police in Puerto Rico has to keep in its heart. All the district attorneys in Puerto Rico. I do not understand how the Yankee enemy is so perverse that they steal the conscience of the Puerto Ricans so as to recruit afterwards in their bosom the mercenaries who kill their own countrymen. Everyone who wants to exercise authority in Puerto Rico today, knows that he does not have any authority. He who holds a club or pistol in his hand has authority; he knows that he does not have any authority if the Yankee empire put it in his hand. 'Down with the Yankees!' Here the attorney-general indicts..... In the name of whom? In the name of the President of the United States. 'DOWN WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES!' Here the authority emanates from the Presidency of the United States. The nation of Puerto Rico has not authorized anyone to be the police, to be a legislator, to be a governor, to be mayor, to be anything. The day that Puerto Rico will be free, sovereign and independent, this day there will be a Government of Puerto Rico and then it will be invited to fulfill the duties of its native land, for its good, for the good of its sons, for the good of its grandchildren, then no one will raise a cane against a Puerto Rican. The police will be able to be unarmed and the judges will be insulted in their armchairs. Here they say to the judge: 'Listen, bandit, continue throwing me in prison.' Here there is no government; tyranny is not a government. All this government boasts is a tyranny of the United States; exercised in person by the President of the United States. Here the governor has to go to Washington to give account to the President of the United States.

"The governor says that he is not a Puerto Rican. These are his words. He went there to say that there are no Puerto Ricans here. It is a scandal that this puppet goes there and says that here there are no Puerto Ricans, that the Puerto Ricans are finished. That this is a Yankee community. 'We have reached this point.'

"The year 1934 arrived, April 16. In the Plaza de San Juan, where in 1924 the flag of Yankee tyranny appeared, the stand is raised again to honor the memory of the worthy JOSE DE DIEGO. This legislature, which there is in Puerta de Tierra, was in session, this Pantheon which is called a legislature. And it was coalitionist; now they call them the opposition. I must say that the Coalitionists had more shame than the 'Populares.' They were more respectful. The Coalitionists never dared to say that they were not Puerto Rican. They wanted statehood. I do not know what this is. This term does not exist in law. Statehood, what is this? The word independentist does not exist in the dictionary.

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They have invented something so as not to be Nationalists. This is weakness in the knees. The 'Populares,' directed by their great puppet, say that they are not Puerto Rican; that they are a community. This is not a nation; it is a colony. A colony is something respectable. A colony is a nation taken by force. It continues to be a colony because it resists the power which dominates it. Now we all have lost shame and are Yankees beginning with him. We are Yankees..... a reason for the Yankees to make fun. The Yankees laugh at him. In 1934 the great puppets were Coalitionists. We all remember the names of those who have gone down in posterity. May God pardon them for all the evil which they did against their native land. These men received instructions from President ROOSEVELT to extend their hand to us and to introduce in this pantheon of Puerta de Tierra a bill making the flag of Puerto Rico the official flag and that the said flag would float at the same height as the flag of the United States in the public buildings in Puerto Rico. We saw immediately that what was at stake was snatching from Puerto Rico the symbol of its independence, snatching its mind, its heart, and its flag from it. The Yankees are bad, but they are not brutes. They knew that while a nation has symbols, it cannot be outraged, they do not make it surrender. They are perverse, satanic; the ruling class of the United States is moved by Satan. Human personality can be outraged by killing it with hunger, by imprisoning it. The census entails a great thing. To tell the number of crippled persons is a frightening thing, the tubercular, hunger; the child that is dying in its cradle; the number is a frightful thing. This is the work of the United States. They made the Puerto Ricans do the census in order that they may delight in this Yankee satanic work. I spoke with officials in the census and they told me: 'Look, Don PEDRO, you are like a little boy in comparison with what I have seen.'

"TRUMAN came here. Where did he go? To 'Fanguito'? (TR. note: San Juan slum.) They do not take the tourists to see the beautiful beaches at Luquillo. They like the mire, the odor of the mire. They are cannibals, they are like the assassin who likes the smell of the blood of his victims. When they see this great work, not just in the 'Fanguito,' they say; 'We are being very good to Puerto Rico.' Every time that Puerto Rico complains, every time that Nationalism makes its protest----they are going to send thirty millions for this and forty millions more for them, everything is what they are going to do, going to, going to. The intimidated press reproduces all this with great seriousness.

"Let us return to 1934; here is this bill in the hands of the mercenaries ostensibly to honor the flag of Puerto Rico. We requested an audience with the legislature and this was granted us with all respect. Both

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chambers met to hear him who speaks to you and (to hear) the objection to the bill. At this audience it was noted, ~~men~~ felt a native ideal in their hearts. It had to wave in this native land because it is the flag of Puerto Rico. They were told that this was the shroud of the grandees of their native land. Of DIEGO and MUNOZ RIVERA; they have their ashes enveloped in this flag. I should like his son not to profane the respect which the shroud of his father merits. This is the flag of ROSADO, of ANTONGIORGI. These are the heroes who redeemed all of us. These men who were mercenaries (sepoys) all were moved and told me, upon hearing me, that the bill would not be approved. As this is a legislature in Puerta de Tierra, they have to close their meetings on April 15. What kind of a legislature? The boss says: 'On April 15 you are going home.' The mercenaries (sepoys) adopted a trick. The slaves at Puerta de Tierra invented a subterfuge: to stop their watches; the 16th of April arrived, and officially it is April 15. One got up and asked: 'What date is today?' April 15, and it was April 18. Psychiatrists are in style. Then this was a chamber of crazy men. All crazy, crazy with fear. They were more respectful than all this strolling troupe of players which has gotten rich. All millionaires at the expense of the blood of each one of you. We waited for April 16. They received instructions from Jurutungo, this called by the United States so that they would approve the bill. The leader of both chambers was signing for all. It was probably nine o'clock in the evening when one of our observers came to me: 'Don PEDRO, the chamber has approved the bill of the flag at the first, second, and third reading.' The enemy told them that indeed a speech by ALBIZU CAMPOS was going to interrupt the policy of Puerto Rico. We Puerto Ricans are not afraid of anything in the world. The only thing we fear is being despicable persons and unjust. All the armies can join around this multitude, all the fleets in the world, and we shall remain serene. It is our sacred right to be on our native soil. No power on earth can snatch this right from us. They can kill thousands of Puerto Ricans; the independence of Puerto Rico will be brought about more easily. When this message arrived at 9:30 in the evening, they told me that at 11:00 the Senate of Puerta de Tierra would meet. There we had a change of impressions. Courage itself made one defy adverse conditions. We told our observer there to advise us when the Senate would meet. I made a speech for hardly seventeen minutes. When the nation congregated there realized the outrage to the flag of our native land, 20,000 souls joined together there and with sails reefed withdrew from there to the legislators. It was not necessary to fire a shot, it was not necessary to give one dagger thrust. The law, an indignant nation in defense of its sacred symbol. He who profanes a tomb, merits contempt. He who defies it, is defying the eternal.

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"I always remember that upon our entry, all the chiefs of police were lined up. We were not in a warlike manner. We only called to their attention the duty of defending what was theirs, of defending their native land. We could have killed all of them and not a single shot was fired. Police headquarters was lined up. The slaves do not have words because they are slaves. He who does not have himself killed for liberty, has no right. We arrived there and when we stepped on the first steps of the stairs, a voice was heard behind me: 'I would be the son of a bad mother if I did not follow this man to death.' The words of this man, whose name we have never been able to ascertain.

"ANTONGIORGI, at nineteen years of age, with a revolver in hand.....pam, pam, pam, he finished a parade. I was in a jail and one of the officials approached me: 'Listen, keep my secret, there is a revolution in your land. They killed Governor WINSHIP.' That guard was ashamed at having to impose their order on the men of the jail. They had more shame than the mercenaries, (sepoys) born in this land. This very thing happened to Licenciado JULIO PINTO GANDIA in Fort Leavenworth, another Caribe Hilton. We Nationalists were taken in handcuffs from prison to prison. Licenciado PINTO GANDIA was in Fort Leavenworth and other illustrious men, and the Yankee warden there gathered together all the guards. They sent a legal official there. He gathered all together and said to them: 'Here is Licenciado JULIO PINTO GANDIA, Mr. JUAN ALAMO, Mr. DIAZ BACHECO, and we are now your wardens.'

"The assault on the capitol was a struggle. The crowd was so powerful that I could not choose the place which I wanted to take. A fight took place. The police with their clubs. If the police fired a shot, this would have been the death of each one of them. What the Yankees want here is the civil war of Puerto Ricans against Puerto Ricans. Nationalism only facing a provocation, if some ill-bred person fires a shot, they will not be worthy of being considered sons of this land. He who wishes to see if this is true, let him make the blunder of shooting us. The police in the capitol, tired of being on guard for such knaves, one of them yawned and the railing gave way. He became dust. I want to return one day to Atlanta. I want the Puerto Ricans to accompany me on a visit to Jurutungo to see if they like it. When the railing broke, there was a group among them; it was RAFAEL SUAREZ DIAZ who died; a few were hurt, among them Licenciado PINTO GANDIA. There I felt the most bitter sadness of my life, that a mother had lost her only son, a hero.....

"The empire presents legends about GEORGE WASHINGTON, who never lied. He was a hypocrite. From there comes decapitation of children so that they may

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be slaves. Who knows who is BETANCES? I saw a story by JOSE DE DIEGO and they did not dare to mention the word 'independence.' It is written by the Department of Education, MARILINO VILLARONGA and Company. The word independence is not even said in one place. I do not know how the word 'nation,' so explosive here, found its place. Say if this is not a lie by hirelings to destroy the mentality of the children of Puerto Rico.

"I went to the house of RAFAEL SUAREZ DIAZ and his mother embraced me. He who has a mother, let him down on his knees before his mother, let him adore her until eternity. Then she said to me: 'Don PEDRO, I am going to ask a favor.' She said: 'I entreat you that there will not arise a vengeance over the body of my son.' A mother who has lost her only son and obliges me to a code of honor, the redeeming code to prevent a war against Puerto Ricans, which would benefit only the enemy. I said: 'Madame, such will it be.' For this reason, all are alive. They owe their existence to the august and saintly mother of SUAREZ. Everyone was astonished that ALBIZU CAMPOS did not dismiss his grief, we are looking for a worthy figure....."

He continued speaking about "Flag Day," asking: "Why on this day do we associate homage to the patriots who lie in the cemetery: RAMON S. PAGAN, RODRIGUEZ VEGA, BEAUCHAMP, ROSADO?"

Then he continued: "He who is not ready to give up his life for a love, this is not love. He is a deceived person. Patriotic love, do you want a native land? You have to be ready to give all for it.

"Your beans, it is your beans which kill you and convert your sons into slaves. Others have more beans, he is a lawyer; they have the laying out and improvement of land in Santurce, Rio Piedras; they want all to be converted into gold. It is King MIDAS, it is a disease. Dr. ALMO tells me that this is a sickness. Selfishness is the worst sickness. This is what is happening to the Yankees."

Here he gave the history of General PAUSANIA.

Then he said: "BRADLEY proposes that each one of the allies, which they have in Europe, specialize in one branch of defense. The English in naval defense.. ..The Yankees have reached impotency at the pinnacle of their material wealth. There are many millions from Puerto Rico there. This gold of ours is in Fort Knox. They have a phenomenal production; but they are trembling: 'We are afraid that

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the atom bombs will kill; we have more hydrogen than there is in the atmosphere.....' The Secretary of State told them to be quiet. ACHESON told them this. ACHESON said to TRUMAN: 'Be quiet, old man, you are a blunderer.....'one of their airplanes began to search, to fish something and they fished a few times and it did not appear anywhere. They said: 'Here it was formed and all values diminished.' The cold war had gathered up steam, but the steam of truth and values went up.

"I have heard that on this night they had a great mobilization, military police. They tell me that tonight there are military police with radio transmitters.....good, let them be ready. I congratulate the Yankees on their foresight. May God bless them. This makes us laugh. So much cowardice, a people with so much power and they want to intimidate a defenseless people. So cowardly, so miserable, so pirate-like. I congratulate the Insular Police, who shook off something very serious; namely, killing their own fellow-countrymen.

"Let the Yankees come, we are ready to give them all the blood they want and to snatch from them all the blood they want. They are not going to intimidate us. They are alone with the millions which they have stolen. They cannot buy the will of one single man to defend them. They meddled in the pockets of their own friends, the French, etc.

"Several ready-made Santa Clauses arrived in Europe. (Here he gave the story of the color of Russia and of Santa Claus.)

"A child here told the Yankees that the Yankees were white rats. They are rodents.

"Our land is full of beautiful women and handsome men.....

"They are alone and whom do all these wretches come to defy? Us. We do not wish harm to the Yankees as wicked as they are. We do not wish them harm. We wish them transfiguration with time. This people is a power of salvation for our contemporary age. Kill, kill, kill! Steal, steal, steal! We have a duty which is to defend the land where we were born. We are not meeting here for any code of the United States, for any legislature of Puerto Rico. It is for our right. All political parties can meet for this reason, this is why this people is permitted to meet. We Puerto Ricans do not have to ask concessions from anyone to walk through the streets of Puerto Rico. This is ours. They are alone, trembling. Food does not make courage. Courage is a lofty force of the spirit.

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"I tell the Yankees these words: They do not want to hear the voice of right. They think that they can hold us like a bell. Here they can save themselves or disappear, by respecting our right to independence and by withdrawing from our beaches unconditionally. The only thing that we ask is that they leave to see if we are clearing the atmosphere; the only thing is that they go. If they do so, the world will see that they are respectful of others' rights. The next war is not the Second World War reaching the end and finishing with enemies. The Russians sacrifice fourteen million lives to save their necks. Now there are no Russians, nor French.

"He who continues voting here will continue in slavery. Because he is going to swear that he is a Yankee; the independentists hear him well. When he registers, he has to say that he is a Yankee; when they are elected, they have to say that they are Yankees. For this reason, the Yankees protect themselves in the constitution, which is called the Basic Constitution. What countenance will FERNOS have to deceive them? I should like to see him on television, he has to be a bona fide Yankee. What MUNOZ MARIN says is lies. RAMOS ANTONINI, SAMUELITO, all of them are Yankees, they say this, I do not say it. They have said that BECERRIL is right who said that ideals unite us and the belly separates us. MUNOZ MARIN has made himself a great disciple of BECERRIL. MUNOZ MARIN has many banquets in Fortaleza and drinks good coffee, pea-bean coffee from Jayuya.

"They claim that they want to destroy us, and we have to try to destroy them. They have many cannons and we have a little pistol, and we shoot it. They have met with a people here which scorns them because they are knaves. I said to them in 1921: 'ALBIZU CAMPOS has a plan and follows a plan.' My duty is to defend my people, give my life for my people and exact the life of my people at the altar of independence. Independence cannot be made on the installment plan. A man who is prisoner cannot think that he is going to free himself from there in this manner. If he has a little farm, he has to sell it; liberty is worth more than all the farms in the world. Independence is worth more than all the gold in the world. Each Puerto Rican has to be an active soldier at every minute; the enemy has to get out of here in some way or other.

"The millionaires are against the independence of Puerto Rico. They are sugar producers. They sell cement because they have hearts of concrete. The cement brought from Germany is cheaper than that of Puerto Rico. This the great industrialization here. The census says that this is a country of crippled people, crazy people, and tuberculars. A commissioner was here from Congress and Dr. PONS did not dare deceive the boss. He told him that the municipal hospitals

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were not good for anything, that the crazy people exceeded 10,000.

"Judges have salaries of \$15,000 a year; they cannot live on \$5,000; they are patriots. These gentlemen do not merit any respect. Here the chief of them, this great puppet, who is called MUNOZ MARRIN. The hour of the Yankees has struck now; they can continue being pirates, they are going to die here!"

He finished saying: "Gentlemen of Yankeeeland, your hour has struck and you are going to lose your neck, nothing will save you; not even the atom bomb. You have one salvation and it is the obligation of withdrawing."

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Speech delivered in Spanish by PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS on June 11, 1950, at a public meeting in the plaza of Manati, Puerto Rico, in homage to ANTONIO VELEZ ALVARADO, "creator of the Puerto Rican flag."

b7c Meeting attended by Detectives [REDACTED]

".....Beloved fellow-countrymen, we are returned to meet in the Athens of Puerto Rico. Manati was a bright center of our native land and answers to the name of Athens of Puerto Rico. We greet tonight the legion of its scholars, its poets, the most illustrious of all, the worthy Don ANTONIO VELEZ ALVARADO.

"You have heard the speech of the great contemporary poet of our native land, FRANCISCO MATOS PAOLI, Secretary General of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico.

"We have a press completely intimidated and dominated by the Yankee invader. It is useless to send documents to our newspapers. The newspapers do not dare to publish anything which can shock the Government of the United States.

"The memory of our grandees is honored as exemplary beings whom we must love and emulate. We came here to commemorate the creation of the National Flag by Don ANTONIO VELEZ ALVARADO, a native of Manati. Here is his widow, Dona CORA; his daughter, DORIS, and his little granddaughter. We greet this illustrious family with the love and respect which Don ANTONIO VELEZ ALVARADO inspired in us.

"We have informed all the governments on the earth of the real situation of Puerto Rico. What use is it if they are talking about plans? The Yankee plan is destruction, the demolition of Puerto Rico. Their B-29 airplanes, constructed to use the atom bomb A.

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"Their B-29 airplanes to drop the atom bomb on their enemies. No Latin American nation has an atom bomb. With the atom bomb they have the power to destroy any Latin American nation whatsoever. They have an assassin's face and they smile. ROOSEVELT said in 1905 that it would be a century before they would get all Latin America. They think that they can succeed in this. They began by wanting to swallow us. The indigestion which they have is acute. The words of TRUMAN that they had to drop the atom bomb on Japanese women and children are words which the world is weighing very much. What right do the Yankees have to save their lives and kill humanity? What right? This claim of the Yankees is going to cost them their existence. With the atom bomb and without the atom bomb the United States is going to be destroyed. The North American leader has been converted into a satanic leader. Here they come at us with this smile of Satan, to destroy us."

He explained the havoc which would be caused by atom bombs exploding in different places of the island.

Further on he stated: "To kill, to kill, to impose their authority by main force. Why do they want to impose their authority? Because they do not have anything to offer humanity. This has been a satanic nation since its inception. Nothing satisfies them. They want to keep the world. What policy do they have in Puerto Rico? Impose hunger, hunger, illnesses, illnesses death, death. We are an obstacle for them and shall always be. I ask each one of you to raise your hand, to sacrifice your life for the independence of Puerto Rico. It is the only way. I congratulate you on this resolution. We Puerto Ricans consider the blood of all the Puerto Ricans as sacred. Love of one's native land is love of the weakest, and the strong were born to sacrifice their life for the weakest. The plan which the Yankees have is this, there was a meeting in Fortaleza; the plan is: promote a riot to assassinate the Nationalists, to assassinate PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS. Here is the murder of ELIAS BEAUCHAMP and ROSADO in the same General Headquarters in San Juan..... I am informing the United States and the Puerto Rican puppets, this is not going to remain thus. TRUMAN and MUNOZ MARIN are very much mistaken. MUNOZ MARIN, the RAMOS ANTONINIS, the SAMUEL R. QUINONES, all of them have made themselves millionaires in eight years. They were poor, they are millionaires, they are surrounded by electrified wire fences. They live on the blood of this country, all are millionaires, all are rich. They are very fat. RAMOS ANTONINI has reached the point of saying that he offers the world the competition of the democracy of the United States."

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In another part of his speech he said: "RAMOS ANTONINI would not be able to walk through the streets of Georgia. He would be called to order. He is a colored man, as I am. He has married a white lady, as I have. Neither he nor I can walk through the streets of Georgia with our wives. They would lynch us immediately and they would put our wives in the insane asylum. They would think them crazy. Everyone who has a drop of African blood, which includes all the Puerto Ricans, is not acceptable to the society of the United States. Socially he is not worth anything.

"The MUNOZ MARINS, the SAMUEL R. QUINONES are those very interesting horses---mules.

"Well then, I want you to remember this plan: promote a riot here by the police.....kill ALBIZU CAMPOS; these are the instructions discussed at Fortaleza. We said to the enemy from TRUMAN on down that they should take care, that we are not fools. We invite them again to be ashamed, not to steal one day and not to be thinking of stealing money from their neighbor.. ..

"One year ago I denounced the scandal of the Punta de Salinas. Tonight I greet with love the relatives of the 27 Puerto Ricans who died a few days ago. The Insular Government, the puppets, scream, gesticulate, but they have no power. They made the investigation of the disaster of last year in New York. Not in San Juan, it is not important. 'What the devil, let them drown.' Now it turns out that that company did not have a cent. Now this company has something more serious, the flying coffin; the Yankee had the honesty to say that this airplane was no good. In the month of October last year the Aeronautics Board said that this smoking pipe was no good.....

"MUNOZ MARIN went to rest behind wire fences. He went to Trujillo Alto to rest. The dead went to Trujillo Alto and knocked on his door: 'Listen, get up, knave, and have recourse to your conscience, deceiver of multitudes, demagogue.' Now he is looking for the responsibility. He is the person responsible. From the month of October, he knew that these smoking pipes were flying coffins and made a contract....."

In another part of his speech he argued: "The police, the detectives and the agents of the United States are hunting for juvenile delinquents..... then nothing. You are a young man 18 years old, strong. You are a future for

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your native land; you are going to serve TRUMAN. All the young people of Puerto Rico pursued relentlessly, persecuted. It is suspected that you are a Nationalist in some position or other, destitute by economy, reorganization. It is an unlimited tyranny. After the great democracy, the great liberty. You have nothing to eat in your house. Do not complain; it is democracy. If you have tuberculosis, do not complain; tuberculosis is a very democratic thing. They are bandits, cynics. The Yankees have taught a group of Puerto Ricans not to be ashamed of any class, fat men, well-dressed, many thousands of dollars, they are dressed like Yankees. We have reached the limit. The cup is filled. Are you reaching satiation or not? It depends on you. Are you ready or not?"

Further on he exclaimed: "With what right do the Yankees wish to impose this captivity? They do not have any right. They are condemning themselves. It is their turn. Nor the atom bomb which they wish to drop on us. What cowards! What do the Yankees matter to us? They are possessed by a collective satanic feeling and think of nothing other than to kill, kill."

"Here we are commemorating the birthday of the creator of the flag, Don ANTONIO Velez Alvarado. It is a day when we began as a nationality in the haven of eternity. Let us defend this with our lives. Say yes or no."

He concluded saying: "It is the hour of immortality, of the greatness of Puerto Rico; it is the hour of the independence of Puerto Rico."

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Speech delivered in Spanish by PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS on July 2, 1950, over radio station WCMN, Arecibo, Puerto Rico. Speech was attended by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] of the Insular Police. PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS was introduced as "our apostle" by FRANCISCO MATOS PAOLI, Secretary General of the NPPR, who advised that ALBIZU would speak on the topic "Puerto Rico - Atomic Base".

"After this moving introduction by a beloved son, MATOS PAOLI (I say a beloved son because I feel him to be my son in spirit), and after this exposition of facts, the emotion which we feel is great before the historic responsibility which we are facing. Listen well, my beloved countrymen, it is not a question here of anything in the future; it is a question of the immediate, this moment, July 2, Sunday, at 10:30 in the morning in our land of Puerto Rico.

"The entire world is deeply worried; all the nations are preparing for their immediate defense, they are accelerating their defensive military organization, taking economic precautions, and trying to save their cultural life and their aspirations for perfecting themselves as societies worthy of permanent existence.

"A war has broken out in the Orient, in Korea. While in all parts of the world this outburst is a spur for the maintenance of national independence and with it the liberty of action of every nation to pay as much attention to its national independence as to its existence, here this outburst serves only to efface from the mind of all the existence of the national problems of Puerto Rico. Daily our ears and eyes are flooded with comment about the whole incident in Korea. None of Puerto Rico's problems are now discussed. Aside from the movement of liberation (which does not and never will yield before any form of tyranny organized in Puerto Rico, either foreign or mercenary), no voices are heard which say that this is the hour for Puerto Rico to achieve its independence, to achieve its liberty of action in the midst of any conflagration of the world.

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"We have been at war here for 52 years. The audacity of the Yankee enemy, the shamelessness of the puppets in his service in our country who pretend that 52 years of military occupation by the United States on our territory means democracy in Puerto Rico, the salvation of Puerto Rico, peace in Puerto Rico. It is the limit of audacity for an invader to use these words. I should say in all honor to the invaders that they seldom fall into such an absurdity. What is shameful is that persons born in our own country want to justify this military occupation. The military occupation of any nation is war. War is defined as the crime of dominating the destiny of a community by force. The war here takes the form of intimidation, of the pouring out of blood, of the monopolization of a country's resources, of a policy of hunger to destroy an entire nationality, of a policy of public instruction to destroy the mind of an entire nationality. It is a war without quarter; a policy of poisoning with the virus of cancer, with vaccinations, with all the means which a science in full savagery, like that of North America, has been able to manufacture in order to destroy the Puerto Rican nation both physically and mentally. It is a source of pride and happiness for every Puerto Rican that our nation has been able to survive all this; that our nation is advancing in spite of all the criminal acts of the government of the United States perpetrated on Puerto Rico; and that neither the United States nor its puppets in Puerto Rico has been able to demonstrate the goodness of a war perpetrated upon Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico will survive all these things. We are a powerful nation, very powerful, and here any empire which attempts to be the arbiter of the world will be shattered. This is a very powerful people; it has divine inspiration and can smile at death itself, and can overcome any kind of tragedy or adversity. Already our mothers and wives are wondering what the enemy wants to do with their sons and husbands.

"When the First World War broke out in 1917 the Yankee enemy, without reflection, made up its mind that it was occupying Puerto Rico. From 1898 to 1917, the Yankee enemy recognized only citizenship of Puerto Rico as the citizenship of individuals in Puerto Rico, and denied any privileges or rights to Puerto Rican citizenship.

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"But when World War II started they thought that if they could mobilize Puerto Ricans by force, it would be illegal for that occupying force to declare war on an indefensive nation and then recruit their youth to blindly serve that same occupying nation, and it was then that the United States Congress clinched this legalistic sophistry by decreeing that all Puerto Ricans were American citizens. What for? In order to mobilize us by force, to be killed, to be mutilated, to be driven crazy on the battlefields of Europe. He who did not wish his citizenship could appear in a Yankee court to say that he did not wish this citizenship. Good!

"What right would the Chinese have to meet in their Parliament to say that we are Chinese? What right would the Argentines, who are our brothers, have to meet and say that we are Argentines. What right do our enemies, the Yankees, have to gather together in their Congress to tell us that we are Yankees, with the object of sending us to kill on their battlefronts? It is necessary to review the statements of the presidents, of the President of the United States and then of his Agents, the ceremonies with the Puerto Ricans, the parades here filled with happiness and music, the offers to the mothers and wives that if their sons or husbands should not return or if they return mutilated or crazed, the mothers and wives will be given large sums of money. I want to tell the Puerto Rican women, whether they be a mother or wife, not to sell at public auction the love of their entrails; that no check from the Treasury of the United States is big enough to buy one drop of blood, of their blood; that all the gold in the world is not worth one drop of blood of the most humble Puerto Rican; and that a woman should die before thinking that she is going to live on the blood of her husband or the blood of her son sold to the tyrant of her native land, and that her duty is to take up arms along with her son and her husband to hurl from our national territory any tyrant who commits a crime against our native land.

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"Very well. At this very moment when I am speaking to you there has been imposed here a law of compulsory military service. Imposed by the Puerto Ricans? No. Imposed by the Yankees. When the Second World War broke out the Yankees mobilized all our youth, who went to Germany, to Africa, to Italy, to Okinawa - to kill. And afterwards they returned to us, a cadaver wrapped in the flag of the United States. Hear me, O Mothers, Wives and Sweethearts of Puerto Rico, your loved one - a cadaver wrapped in the flag of the United States. Or they returned so mutilated that you could not recognize them. Listen well! Your beloved man, young and strong, now unrecognizable, without jaws, without legs, without arms, or ears or nose, changed almost into a monster by the machine guns of the enemies of the United States. Your love converted into a living and horrible tragedy. A man, apparently healthy, has eyes full of the light of madness, a crazy man who does not know who his mother is, nor his wife, his sweetheart, his neighbors. He does not know that he has lost all guide, that he has lost his personality. He does not know where he is going, who he is, nor from whence he has come. Listen mothers, wives and sweethearts of Puerto Rico. This is the plan of the United States. This is the plan of the Second World War. We have here crazy people, paralytics, corpses. It is true that you receive a check. Ask Providence to deliver you from the curse of receiving such a check. Your relatives in eternity will think, 'Was that the love of my mother, of my sweetheart, of my wife, that today she feels at peace in her mind receiving that gold, liquid, flaming, which should tear the soul and burn the hand which accepts it?' Very well, there exists this law of compulsory military service which has just been extended by the Congress of the United States in order to perpetrate a new crime here. The only ones who are resisting year in and year out, day in and day out, are the Nationalists. Why? Because the United States has no right in Puerto Rico. All the arguments concerning their economic superiority leave us perfectly indifferent. Because all that force does not give them the right to breathe as much as one atom of the oxygen of our air. All that force, exercised against us, gives us the right to exterminate them, because it is a continuous outrage against our dignity as men and women and as Nationalists.

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"Here all the young Nationalists are persecuted; they wish to mobilize them by force. They are at the present time jailed in the prisons of the United States. We have here an illustrious Puerto Rican, Dr. RAFAEL CANCEL, whose son, 18 years old, of high school age, is serving a sentence of two years in a penitentiary in the United States for refusing to register in the compulsory military service of the United States. Also there is the son of the illustrious Puerto Rican, Dr. RAMON MEDINA RAMIREZ, who has been jailed for the third time for refusing to abide by the presumptions of those who wish to recruit Puerto Ricans for the Yankee butcherings in all parts of the world. We are in the presence of the most perverted slave traders in the history of the world, who use the police, the detectives, the army, all forms of compulsion to tear a beloved child from the heart of his mother - for defense. To defend what? The tyranny of the United States in any part of the world, to defend the tyranny of the United States over his own flesh, over the flesh of his own countrymen, over the flesh of his own mother. No other occupying power in the world has dared such barbarity as the United States. We, in our defense, believe that the courts in the United States are worth something, and to summon them before the eyes of history, carried to them the question whether any colonial power should impose compulsory military training on the country which they are occupying. In this respect, the United States is the only exception in the world and they should be ashamed of their barbarity.

"There are two million two hundred thousand inhabitants here, and up there the slave drivers say that we are small. If we are so small, why do the Yankees insist on mobilizing us? We could place one hundred and fifty thousand men under arms and with heavy arms an army of one hundred and fifty thousand men is very powerful. If this Army is intelligent and courageous it could decide the fate of any empire including that of the United States. The Yankees know this. They are determined to spare themselves the death of one single Yankee. I don't blame the United States for wishing to save the loss of even one single Yankee. That is the duty of any government. But we Puerto Ricans have the obligation of preventing the loss of any single life of our people in the defense of our enemies.

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"If lives of Puerto Ricans are to be gambled, they should be gambled in the defense of Puerto Rican mothers, wives, sweethearts and Puerto Rican land. And every life which is offered in this manner will be a small thing, because we have been born in a section of paradise. We must defend it because it is adorable and it is ours. But we cannot remain passive when these barbarians come here under the pretext of armed slave-traders and tear our people away from their homes to send them to kill in Korea. This touches the most intimate part of our hearts and we cannot remain passive. A firm resolution must be made to impede such a thing, cost what it may, and no one will be able to silence our voice nor will any one be able to restrain us, because this voice is a mandate from God and that action is an order from God himself with which we must comply in defending that which is ours.

"Well then, this enemy finds himself involved in a war. He has resorted to armed intervention in Korea. There are 50 million inhabitants in Korea. The Yankees talk the same as ever, the same way they talked when they came here in 1898 to wage war on us. They said then that they had come to confer on us the benefits of their liberal institutions and now they have gone to Korea 'to carry to the Koreans the democracy of the United States'. We know this democracy very well. The Koreans also know it. The Koreans know that they cannot enter the United States as immigrants because they are Asiatics. The Yankee is the super-racist of the world and the Asiatics, because they are Asiatics, cannot enter the United States. Over half of the human race is Asiatic; therefore, more than half of the human race is excluded from the United States because they are colored and are Asiatics. Imagine the bombing planes of the United States appearing in Korea to destroy its cities and to kill its women and children and imagine the Yankees saying that this is being done in the name of democracy. 'What are you saying, sir?' The Yankee troops in Korea have an absolute prohibition against marrying Korean women, but they can take them as concubines. The occupation forces in Japan can take a Japanese woman as a concubine but are forbidden to marry them because they are colored women.

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"And the Yarkees consider the sons of these women as unworthy of being United States citizens. Listen carefully, all Puerto Ricans. Here there are negroes, mulattoes of all classes wrapped in the flag of the United States. What barbarity! What brutes! What degraded persons! What shameless persons! They consider all Puerto Ricans as colored. They use the name 'Puerto Rican white' for the white man of Puerto Rico. The Puerto Rican white man is a special type of white man. Imagine the Koreans on seeing the Yankee airplanes and ships bombarding their coasts and they being told that that is the democracy of the United States and that it will be best for them to submit to the will of these tyrants, when their women cannot be the wives of the men of these troops. And, of course, a Korean cannot marry a white woman, a Yankee woman ('gringa'), because he is not a human being. Any Korean man, including the president of the Republic of South Korea, who marries a white woman would be lynched if he traveled in the southern part of the United States.

"What kind of democracy can there be in a country which has Lynch Law, where any group who wishes may lynch any colored person right in the middle of the United States with no fear of punishment, nor of juries, nor of judges. That government of the United States, which talks so powerfully, confesses itself to be impotent before the barbarity which it carries in its entrails. Imagine how the people of Korea feel when faced by this presumption on the part of the Yankees and its allies who have come there to impose on its democracy and to save it from foreign tyrants. Well, because they hold us in the same contempt as they hold the Koreans, they want to mobilize us to take us to kill the Koreans. I want the Puerto Ricans to know that today any well equipped army is a dangerous force and that if Korea succeeds in mobilizing only 2 million men and its army is well equipped, all the armed forces of the United States and its reserves will have to be involved in this war. An army of two million men with modern equipment is a terrible force and on Korea's border there is China which has 500 million inhabitants and Manchuria, an industrial empire which the Japanese constructed to make themselves self-sufficient on the Asiatic continent in case their Island empire might fall. It is one of the strongest industrial empires on the earth even without considering the improvements which have been made there in the last few years; it was a formidable empire even before the outbreak of the Second World War.

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"The resources of this empire are at the disposal of Korea, and I would not be surprised if the Chief of the Combined Staffs of the United States is telling his country that they should not compromise themselves completely in Korea. They are now saying, 'Let's leave before we get in beyond our depth.'"

"Very well, that is Korea with 30 million inhabitants. The Yankees have besieged and blockaded the island of Formosa which belongs to China; they say they are going to protect Formosa from Communism. This is ridiculous! The Yankees during the Second World War - I wish to make this point concerning Communism - in the Second World War the Communists were worshipped. Stalin was considered a prophet in the United States. The most reactionary newspapers of the United States constantly printed on their front pages pictures of Stalin and of his great assistants. They were worshipped; the president of the United States seated next to him, in bed with him, shaking hands with him, laughing with Stalin. The press always represented Stalin as a figure of infinite goodness and honor. I heard the words of the president of the United States, that Stalin is a man of his word, a man of honor; that he is a man who could not make a pledge without fulfilling it, and that when he gave his word he was going to fulfill it. Were the United States advocates of Communism? No. They wanted to utilize a Communist power for their purposes, to impose their authority on the entire world, in order to defend themselves from the Germans. For the Germans were abominable beings. To say 'German' meant imprisonment. In the United States whoever was from Germany or smelled like a German or was half-way suspicious was in danger of immediate arrest. The Germans, the Nazis - a terrible thing! The Spanish Nationalists - good heavens! An impossible thing - they should be killed!

"Now it turns out that the Russians are not disposed to throw themselves into the arms of the Yankees. They say, 'No, my friends, stop. If you want something, fight for it!' No, occupying half of Germany, they insist that in the part which they occupy, the Germans are good, but that in the part they don't occupy the Germans are bad, because there are Russians there, and naturally the Russians make the Germans living there bad.

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"But the Germans who live under the Yankee boot are good. Why? Because the Yankees want to use them against the Germans on the other side of the frontier and against the Russians. But Germany is divided: one half is Eastern Germany and the other half is Western Germany. The East is occupied by the Russians, the West by the French, the Yankees, and the English. The Russians have already organized Eastern Germany, they have recognized its independence, and Eastern Germany has already signed a treaty with Poland, an ally of Russia, and the Russians have organized a great army. You know that Germany does not need much help in forming an Army. But neither the English, the French, nor the Yankees think that by helping the Germans in the West they are going to induce them to raise an army against their brothers and against the Russians. But the other day a Yankee writer wrote, 'Well, if they don't, we'll organize a German army to occupy the rest of Germany. When they arrive at the frontier and find one German army facing another German army, what will happen. The two will unite and fall upon us.' That is clear. On one side they wish to praise the Germans to attract them and on the other side they fear the patriotism of the Germans. That is to say that the Nazis now are good people. I am sure that if Hitler were alive, he would be an American god, he would be an object of adoration to the people of the United States. A man who had suffered transfiguration into saintliness just as Stalin was a god during the Second World War and now, according to the Yankees, has been transfigured into Satan. This question of Communism is an invention to attract those who do not like materialistic doctrines.

"We are not going to discuss this question here, but in international politics neither religion nor philosophical principles have anything to do with international relations. Nations are uniting in joint action because of vital interests which transcend questions of religion and philosophy. We have seen Catholic nations unite with Mohammedan nations against Catholic nations. We have seen Christian nations united with anti-Christian nations against other Christian nations. And the United States, to speak of the most recent instance; during the World War which has just ended, or which is just beginning, the United States considered the Communists a wonderful thing. They had to invent a new treaty, they had to imitate the Soviet Union, they had to eliminate hunger, ignorance and the fear of force.

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"The President of the United States and his puppets said that the Communists were fine people. And now that the Communist state and its allies are opposed to the imperialistic pretensions of the United States, the United States impugn the flag of Communism but not completely, because there is one very important Communist state, which is Yugoslavia. This is a state on the Adriatic, which borders on Italy and which could take over the Italian peninsula at any moment. And furthermore, its diplomatic relations with Russia are not all cordial. As a result, the Yugoslavians, who some three days ago were bandits in the eyes of the United States government, now are considered fine people. 'Good heavens,' they (the United States) will say, 'What fine people they are. Tito, Marshal Tito, is a fine fellow. He is a self-made man who owes nothing to the Germans or the Russians. Single handed he freed Yugoslavia from the German boot. He is a grand man.' But if Tito, this very day, this very morning, should declare that he is on the side of the Russians, Tito would once again be considered a bandit. These are the matters of convenience of international affairs. Let us clean out of our heads all this trash and smoke put out by the Yankees, who have never ceased to be slave-traders. Hitler was a suckling child compared to the Yankees in their racist principles. Hitler was at the least a brutal man. 'I don't like the Jews,' said Hitler. 'I am going to make grease soap out of all Jews I run across, men or women.' And he killed six million.

"The Yankees exterminated the Indians by blood and fire and the few Indians who today are left in the United States number only 400,000 and these are locked up in what are called reservations, Federal reservations. The American Indian cannot marry a white woman nor may the Indian women marry white men. They have been sentenced to isolation as an inferior race. In that immense empire which was once theirs they are now bound slaves, victims of tuberculosis; this has happened to the strongest race in the world. Wherever there are Yankees there is tuberculosis. The flag of the United States is the flag of tuberculosis, because it is the flag of hunger. Wherever they go they grab all the riches, all the land, all the water and all the mines.

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"If they could invent a pump to extract the oxygen from the air, they would immediately kill everyone who wished to take these things from them. The American Indians, the indigenous race of the United States, are our fathers, the brothers of the founders of Puerto Rico, of the mother race of Puerto Rico. Now the American Indians have had to take their case to the United Nations, asking international protection from the crime still being perpetrated against them. Ah, but the American Indians are useful for one thing. The American Indian cannot vote, he cannot have representation, he has no home, he has nothing, but his son, if he is healthy, if he has survived tuberculosis and hunger, can serve in the compulsory military service of the United States. And he must be mobilized to go to Okinawa, or Germany, or Korea to kill, and no one can save him. The United Nations are perplexed by this demand of the Indians of the United States and the United Nations are perplexed by the demands of the North American negroes. Whoever has African blood in his veins, and this includes almost all Puerto Ricans, and whoever is suspected of having African blood, and this includes all the Puerto Ricans. Listen carefully, the growth of the colored race in the United States is halted, it does not exceed 12 millions. Because there has been wielded against it tuberculosis, sterilization of its women, sterilization of its men, and types of vaccination; that is to say, all the repertory which in Puerto Rico is written up in the daily press as the salvation of the women and children.

"I know a surgeon here who practiced surgery in Washington, the capital of the United States. The capital of the United States is divided into two races. I would like to send all the subservient negroes of Puerto Rico to Washington and let them stay there a week so that they could return here filled with shame. For Washington is divided into two races. Washington, the capital of the United States, the capital of that democracy, of that filth, A colored person cannot enter a restaurant to eat if its a white man's restaurant, he cannot enter a church if it is a white man's church.

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"There christianity is divided according to color; Negro Baptists, white Baptists, Negro Methodists, white Methodists and even Catholicism is heading down the road to this same filthiness. The reflection of all this filth from the United States falls upon us. For in Washington, the capital, the negroes and the white cannot walk together, cannot sit on the same seat on a bus, cannot enter the same restaurant, cannot enjoy the same public services, cannot live in the same block. My friends, one would have to be a despicable person to come here to Puerto Rico and tell you that that is democratic or that it is human or civilized, or Christian. These are the actions of savages, savages without salvation.

"Good. It seems to me that all this pretension about Communism is charlatanism, an appeal to prejudices. I am certain that if Soviet Russia would say to the United States, 'Look, you hold on to North America, South America and the Antilles and leave us alone here in Europe,' they would answer, 'All right. There is nothing more to be said. You, Stalin, are once more a god.' And I base this statement on what is set forth in the memoirs of the United States Ambassador in Moscow, General Bedell Smith, Chief of Staff of the United States Army in Europe during the Second World War, an apostolic Roman Catholic. He presented to Stalin a secret proposition concerning an international plan for dividing the world. He did this behind the back of Great Britain, France and all their allies. It was a secret proposition. And Stalin made public this proposition made by this apostolic Roman Catholic to divide up the world and deliver to the United States the New World. And Bedell Smith himself tells this and confesses it in his memoirs recently published in the press of Puerto Rico. If the Russians had said, 'Let's made this division. You take part of the British Empire and I'll take part. You take part of the French Empire and I'll take part. And we'll divide things up in this manner.' 'Good, that is good, friend. You, pal, are a god, the salvation of the world.' But the Russians actually said no, and they made their answer public. That made the Americans hit the ceiling; they were infuriated that the Russians had no sense of honor, because the proposal had been made in secret and the proposition was secret.

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"Only a rogue would say, 'Look, buddy, let's see whether we can rob this corpse without fighting among ourselves.' And the other responds, 'No, buddy, you can't do that. Don't ask this of me.' This affair is recent, within the past few months. I'm not speaking of ancient history. I'm speaking of these ghastly deeds, of these efforts to mobilize us forcibly to sustain its hegemony in the world, the Yankee hegemony in the world is to impose a racial criterion on humanity, an anglo-saxon, anglo-Yankee racism. An anglo-saxon, anglo-Yankee racism imposed on all the world and on everything which serves its purpose, whether Communist or Fascist. As a result, Franco now is a fine person, whereas previously, Franco was anathema, something terrible. But now, no, Franco is a fine person. Why? Because Franco has grown tired of bickering with the United States and Great Britain. And Franco, in a political manner, has approached Russia for a commercial treaty. Spain could not stand being blockaded and Franco is negotiating a commercial treaty with Soviet Russia. So now the Yankees have discovered that Franco is a big man, that Franco is a good man. They have sent a fleet there to make a courtesy visit to Franco, to render great honors to Franco, to offer loans to Franco - a great person. The dealing of Franco with Soviet Russia is very simple. He needs petroleum and such Russian products as grain and he offers machinery, Spanish fruits and the other riches of Spain.

"The Spaniards are Catholics, they are certainly not Communists. The Communist Russians are not Catholics. But if the world is going to divide itself in this manner, there will be no end of bloody wars in the world. A basis of international relations must be sought and the basis of international relations which has evolved is the independence of each nation. If we really desire a human community of one big family, and if the Christians, the Mohammedans, the Bhuddists and everybody wish that their own religious criteria should prevail in the world, we know that such a thing cannot be achieved through gunfire or blows or piracy, but only by teaching, by kindness, by love and by mutual respect. And when we Christians behave toward one another as Christians should, we can influence the Mohammedans, the Jews. But imagine, in the East or in Africa, when the Yankees arrive, Bible in hand, and say to an African negro, to a yellow Chinese, to the Japanese, "We are the Christians".

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'Imagine what idea of Christianity these people will have. If these thieves are the Christians, then may God help us, and may God save us from such barbarity. If these are the Christians, imagine what Christianity must be. And if they read the newspapers of the United States; such and such negro is lynched in such and such a place, the negroes cannot vote there, the negroes cannot walk on certain streets - and these are the Christians - the Chinese cannot enter the United States, nor the Japanese, nor the Koreans, because they are negroes. Is this Christianity? If the United States is considered the voice of Christianity, this will make a horrible farce of Christianity. May God take mercy on a Christianity so represented.

"The war which the United States has waged on our territory for 52 years is nothing compared to the desire of the United States to convert Puerto Rico into an atomic base. No Latin-American nation possesses the atomic bomb. And all the quarreling between the United States and Russia is in order that Russia will not interfere in Latin-America. From Puerto Rico the atomic bombers can reach the capitals of all the Latin-America countries. And the Argentine government demurs and says that it does not like such a thing, that it is not disposed to support such a scheme on the part of the United States. The 'gringo' ambassador there smiles, 'We have an atomic bomb in Puerto Rico for you, a very pretty little package which we have in Puerto Rico.' Let the President of Santo Domingo disagree and they say to him, 'There in Puerto Rico we have a little atom bomb for you.' Let the president of Cuba disagree, 'Look, we have a special little atom bomb for you.' And so it goes with each of them. The sway of empire never recognizes the superiority of ideals or of religion; it only recognizes superiority of arms. The preponderance of arms has been the decisive factor in world politics and the United States believe that because they have won this atomic weapon through the assistance of all the international wisemen of science, they can impose themselves on all the world. They plan to blackmail humanity. But the French have atomic research, also the English and the Russians have atomic research, and soon it will be a general thing. And then the blackmail disappears.

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"But for us the question now is not as to what political party you belong to. No, the question for the residents of Puerto Rico is whether you are a 'gringo' or a Puerto Rican. The United States has withdrawn from Puerto Rico all their Yankee land forces and have left here a regiment composed of Puerto Ricans and have brought here its air force for long range bombing, what is called its squadron for strategic bombing. This means that at the first gun shot or the first bomb to fall here, all the 'gringos' here will disappear, in its airplanes and battleships, and all the rest of Puerto Rico will die. In this matter they have taken away any protection for us. This is an outstanding case of cowardice. The strategic plan is to bring the war to a neutral camp or to the enemy camp. It is not neutral here. It is the enemy camp here. The Yankees know that they are waging war on us and thus all their puppets in Puerto Rico tell us that they are our friends. The Yankees don't believe them. They know what these puppets are saying, 'Yes, we love you very much.' But the Yankees think, 'you have gone native and are going to betray us.' Because they know that the patriotic sentiment is congenital and can overcome the degenerate will of any traitor. They know this well. They have proved this now in Korea. They raised an Army there, they dressed them in khaki, the black Koreans, black men acting the grand role of Yankee soldiers, with Yankee steps, Yankee aptitudes; but as soon as the Koreans came face to face with other Koreans they turned their weapons against the Yankee officers. The Yankee officers had to run as far as from San Juan to Ponce to escape being killed at the hands of the very troops which they had trained. They know; and they are indifferent concerning the lives of women and children and of all the traitors of Puerto Rico. And if they all die along with the patriots of Puerto Rico, that is good, for God will give His blessing because it is done to save the skin of the United States.

"That is the situation in Puerto Rico. They wish the war to come by the southern route, through Africa to Brazil, if they fight it in Brazil, the Guianas, Venezuela, Columbia, Central America, Mexico, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Santo Domingo, Haiti, or Cuba, not one little bomb need fall on the United States.

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"And if it come from the north, Canada may be destroyed, but not one little bomb will fall on the United States. But there is something more important; here we have this monster with all his bombs over our heads - and they are so large and so heavy that the monster has no means for moving them.


"I had to laugh at the statements made by a French minister and which appeared in yesterdays papers. This French minister, a representative of the French government, is dealing with the 'gringos' to get weapons, machinery, money, etc. But the French don't want France to be made a battle field; they don't want France to be a Puerto Rico. No one wants his territory to be a Puerto Rico. If Puerto Rico were so well off, all the world would say to the United States, 'Look, put us under the same conditions as Puerto Rico; we would like for you to reduce us to those same conditions.' Because all the world knows the good from the bad. The French say, 'We don't want your war here, nor your weapons, nor anything of yours.' And the French minister says, 'We are willing to cooperate with the United States in the Far East, but you take the first step and we'll follow you. We are willing to cooperate.' In the past the French said, 'We'll lead the way.' And in the First World War it was said that the Yankees would fight to the last French soldier. When the last Frenchman was finished off, then the war would be over, The Yankees would go home. As a result now there are no Frenchmen or Englishmen, who know their own cousins. No one wishes to fight alongside them and they are alone. They are alone, and my countrymen, my beloved countrymen, this is the hour of our native land. It is the hour of glory of our native land. Do not allow this Eden to be converted into a trash pile for the piracies of the United States. I have spoken."

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Speech delivered in Spanish by PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS on July 25, 1950, at a public meeting held at Playa de Guanica, Puerto Rico, to protest "the invasion of Puerto Rico in 1898 by American Forces."

Meeting attended by Sergeant 

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".....Fellow-countrymen, distinguished visitors, Puerto Ricans --- On this evening I greet all the defenders of liberty, all the defenders of the liberty of man.....We are present at the fall of an empire. Of the strongest empire on earth. We have seen how in the contemporary era empires are crumbling away with the greatest ease. We have seen the Teutonic empire fall twice. We have seen the Japanese empire crumble away. And now the Yankee empire is crumbling away. No one believed that a whole force would turn out to be ineffective in spite of having the most powerful arms. The extension of empires was always a reason for rule by arms. Empires impose their authority by the force of arms. It was believed that the sword of TOLEDO would have to blind Christianity. But no one noticed that there was a sword with a cross.....

"You have heard, you have noted that the hour has come for an empire to fall. This beach of Guanica in Puerto Rico was the victim 52 years ago of an invasion on the part of the Yankee hordes, with homicidal arms in their hands and poison in their hearts. They came to deceive us. No one believed that this empire was going to keep us in chains for 52 years. And yet it still lasts. This is the Yankee. The scientific savage, the savage who has the atomic bomb, who has arms and more arms, who thinks of nothing but to kill, kill, kill, to rob, rob, rob, to assassinate, to assassinate, to destroy the world. But his hour has come, the hour of his decline. His arms do not matter, his bacteria does not matter, the atom bomb does not matter. God will not pardon such great savagery. Today this empire, the United States, is alone, alone with the atom bomb. We shall all die by the arms which we choose. It has the atom bomb in order to use it. We shall all die in the spirit which we bear within. They have wanted to produce a higher God. They believed that they had found the secret of exterminating humanity. And they think that to save themselves, it is necessary to kill all men on

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the earth. All women in the universe. But now that they have found the maximum force, God gives them an impotence which is reaching their brain. They are afraid of the 'Koreans.'

"The secret of force is a common secret. What is certain is the secret of human laws. The Yankees are alone. They are crazy. They have killed all their ideals. The hour of the United States has come. They believed that they could buy the blood of Europe. Their best writers say this.....

"Here in Puerto Rico they have sown hunger and tuberculosis. They are utilizing us because they believe that they can yet buy the soul of a Puerto Rican mother, that she will offer the son of her entrails to have him killed in Korea. They want to bring disgrace, worry, and anxiety to all Puerto Rican homes. This is the goal which they are pursuing. They want to extirpate the sacred duty of a sovereign nation. But we are a free nation and we shall put all Yankees out of Puerto Rico at pistol point. Because they have no right to enslave us. Our island went to the United States as a booty in war.....

"They have no shame when they say that we are their property. But we shall arise and march until the reconquest of our sublime liberty, which is one thing alone---- the movement of independence of Puerto Rico. They want your son in order to kill him in Korea. Give up your son to me and I shall give you \$60. And then a letter: 'Madame, your son died like a hero on the front in war.' And under this panorama, which the United States has planned out under a wave of desperation, there were some Puerto Ricans who have discovered the secret of theft and ignominy. 'Today you are free, you have to give up this fine son to me and I shall let you enjoy your millions.' 'I am Satan who demands your son for the million which I gave you.' The hour has come to punish the enemies of our native land. If you had cooperated in the beginning, Puerto Rico would be a free and sovereign nation and would have action to take action, I mean position, in a world crisis.

"'I am Satan,' the Yankee says to you. 'I give you these millions in exchange for your blood and that of your sons.' You are selling your soul and the soul of your native land. The millions which you gain will not be any good to you. They will call your sons to kill innocent people, innocent people against whom you do not hold anything. And in order that they may kill you too. Or in order to mutilate your son. To leave him without eyes, without ears. In order to offer him to you crazy, without legs, useless. An innocent

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victim. A calamity for the community where he lives. To return him to you crazy, so that he will not know his parents, his brothers, his wife. They are taking a healthy, strong man from you. They will return a freak to you. You do not know why. But the hour of the fall of this empire has come. The empire of the United States is apprehensive. The inhabitants of the empire of the United States have gone mad. They have had their punishment. They do not find a land where they can stay. They do not know what to do. They are stupified..... They have become insane.....

"Day before yesterday I read the statements of the Secretary of State ACHESON. He was commenting on the intervention of India in the present conflict. A marvelous story. The Head of India expounded his viewpoints on a solid, logical basis. STALIN, Chief of the Soviet Union, applauded the action taken by India. However, the Secretary of State, ACHESON, does not accept. Notice, the Secretary of State of the United States rejects the offer of NEHRU to mediate in the conflict and gathers together all the journalists.....

"A man like this should have some respect for humanity. Here in this place with all security we are witnessing the fall of an empire. It will take days, nothing more. It will be the greatest fall recorded by the history of all peoples. Because it is a question of the empire which has exercised the most brutal force against the little nations in the world. It has maintained a system of colonies without precedent in the history of the universe. All is falling. It will be an hour of glory. And the flag of Puerto Rico will again wave with pride. The flag which waved in this very place when it received invading forces. It is our hour. It is the hour of our native land. It is the hour of Providence. Will it be the hour of the proclamation of the Republic of Puerto Rico? Answer! (Those attending the public meeting answered, "Yes") Will we have a free native land, sovereign and independent? (Those present at the public meeting answered, "Yes, yes"). Then with what are you going to pay for this? ---- Will you pay with your life for this? (The audience at the meeting answered in the affirmative.) Those of you who are willing to pay with your life and to make the sacrifice, raise your hand." (The majority of those present raised their hands on being sworn by the speaker, PEIRO ALBIZU CAMPOS.)

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Speech delivered in Spanish by PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS on 9/23/50 at an open assembly in the Teatro Gonzalez of Lares, P.R., in commemoration of the "Grito de Lares" (the "Cry of Lares," which refers to a day in 1868 when a group of Puerto Rican Nationalists succeeded in temporarily overthrowing the Spanish garrison at Lares). Meeting attended by Sgt. [REDACTED]

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"..... Secretary General, President of the Municipal Council of Lares, Ladies and Gentlemen: It is not easy to make a speech when one's mother is kept on a bed and an assassin is lying in wait for her life. Such is the present-day situation of our native land, our mother - Puerto Rico. The assassin is the power of the United States of North America. A speech cannot be made when our sons, those who were born recently in our native land, are dying of hunger, when the adolescents of our native land have been poisoned with the worst virus, that of slavery; when the adults have to leave their homes terrified. They have to go to the United States to become slaves of the economic powers of the tyrants (this was the word that was heard) of our native land. These are the slaves who, because of necessity, are going to Michigan to be laughed at, to be outraged..... A speech cannot be made with ease when this tyrant feels that it has the right to snatch out the heart of our mother, Puerto Rico (there was a loud noise and the sentences could not be heard well) to send them to Korea or to hell, to kill, that they die in front of the Yankee enemy, to be assassins of the innocent Korean people, so that they come back crazy to our land, or mutilated so that no one knows them, not even their mother. Our blood boils and patience, the beat of our heart, tells us that patience must end That the day of Lares must be, the day of Lares, the day of the revolution of Puerto Rico.

"Today, this year, is the centenary of the creation of the flag of Cuba. In the beautiful speech, which our illustrious Secretary General made, he called it the mother of our flag. The centenary of the flag of Cuba is the centenary of the flag of Puerto Rico in the meaning of its origin. We mentioned (?) here all mothers the flag of Cuba we mentioned (?) here the union of brothers of all Latin America and especially the Cubans, the people of Santiago (?) most especially the Dominicans, all of them the independence of Puerto Rico as your love because because in free Puerto Rico This flag of Cuba which MARCISO LOPEZ raised. There was a Puerto Rican who intervened in the invasion of MARCISO LOPEZ, General VALERO DE BERNABE, from Fajardo, had relationships to the height, to the higher greatness of human civility Let us repeat the greeting to all the heroes and martyrs of the great Cuban nation. Especially on this day, let us greet their young people who are studying at the University of Havana, the university which has a principle of inspiration

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for the eternal fight for liberty; the only center.....higher in the world which inspires the sacrifice of.....the enemy was the United States of North America.

"The United States feels itself defeated by our right. The recent decision of the American Commission of Independent Territories, the recognition of Puerto Rico as a nation controlled by the power of the United States. The United States did not dare to attend an inter-American conference for the first time in the history of America. Why? The United States has the right to a seat there. Why did it not attend? Because entities from Puerto Rico were going to attend in their own right. This is the work of the Nationalist Party, which, in Bogota, successfully brought it about that direct participation be given interested entities. The Nationalist Party met there with the flag of independence of Puerto Rico.....by the possibility.....had recognition with a positive right, a natural right.....that we have here at this time..... recognition of a positive, natural right. Puerto Rico was a sovereign nation.... this date by the wording of the Treaty of Paris, neither Spain....Puerto Rico, nor the United States.....Puerto Rico, nor the entire world which knows..... recognition of a nation is irrevocable (?). If the United States.....the Spanish to sign the so-called.....of Puerto Rico, they were committing a physical treaty of the North Americans and this action.....has no validity for Puerto Rico because Puerto Rico was a sovereign nation up until the Spanish-American war, never.....by the United States; nor by anyone.

"The Yankees have spent fifty-two years of war here, war, and war against the nation of Puerto Rico. They have never acquired a right in Puerto Rico, nor does a legal government exist in Puerto Rico. All the political right in the world would have to be crumbled away, all the international right to confirm the invasion of the United States in Puerto Rico and the pretended military occupation of the United States.....(the rest of the sentence was not heard.) The Yankees cannot sit down at a table with lawyers and insist with lawyers that they tell them that the intervention of the United States in Puerto Rico has any merit. For this reason, they did not dare to attend the conference at Havana. Indeed they know that they have responsibilities before the world, before all Latin America nations, and before all the nations of the world because Puerto Rico has a direct recognition among the United Nations....no one wanted to enter for fear...the United States in every field.....The Nationalist Party has achieved and has an official delegate (this was the sentence that was heard) to make the voice of Puerto Rico heard and to tell the whole world that the United States is a nation which violates the constitution of the United Nations. They are the bandits in

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present history. Each time that they present a report there because they are obliged to render an annual report, we too report to them that this report is filled with lies, with a mind dedicated to piracy, and to the demolition of a nation with the virus of tuberculosis, hunger, cancer, the policy of hunger.....

"They are looking for a legalized basis to tell the world, faced with the accusation of the Nationalist Party.....that in fifty-two years we have not been Puerto Ricans, we are Yankee citizens, and that we acquiesce to the imposition of the United States, and that we renounce our right of being Puerto Rican. The law says that they want to pull the wool over the eyes of this country, that the Puerto Ricans cannot aspire to being a province of the United States, a so-called state; this no, because in the United States a colored person.....No negro can enter there nor anyone who is suspected of having had a negro grandfather. These are the great democrats. They cannot go to the Senate. He cannot be an independent citizen. Puerto Rico submits to being a possession of the United States, in which the United States can dispose arbitrarily of its women to make them WACS, of its sons so that they will be Yankee soldiers, to dispose of.....to cripple Puerto Rico.....they can decree that Puerto Rico is a forest of the United States, that it is a Yankee property administered by Yankees, and above all, that we are Yankees.

"The so-called law that Puerto Rico draw up a constitution begins (this was the word that was heard) by an amendment to the present law of the United States, by means of which they pretend to govern Puerto Rico. It is called the Jones Law. This law was amended by the present law, by which it is authorized that elections and electors be submitted to in Puerto Rico to draw up a constitution in which it is stated that you are Yankees. The present law tells you that you can meet to say that you are Yankees. The law does not.....but it continues the imposition of.....of the United States on all Puerto Rico..... It is true that in Massachusetts, in Florida, in New York, the so-called citizenship of Massachusetts, of Florida, of New York, exists. The citizenship of Puerto Rico is in the present Jones Law. It is a provincial citizenship, an international citizenship, a Yankee citizenship. The citizens of New York have to vote in the State of New York.....This is the imposition of the present Jones Law, which remains intact.....When they come to mobilize your son to send him to kill in Korea, what they are applying is the citizenship of the United States. The first thing that they ask you is: 'Are you a citizen of the United States?' 'Yes.' 'To Korea.' If you have become tubercular or crippled, 'You will serve to plug up some dugout.' The mobilization for Korea in Puerto Rico takes more than 8,000 men. It is an infamous act of the United States to pretend

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to mobilize the force of the Puerto Rican nation to go in front of it in Korea. They have 150,000,000 inhabitants. We have 2,000,000. They have seventy-five times the number of inhabitants that we have. That means that they have to have 6,000,000 in Korea. Let them go fight for their interests. Why if they feel obliged to intervene in Korea with all their arms, let them mobilize them, let them defend their own interests.

"This law which authorized them to attend some elections, the Jones Law, is not overthrown in any way. The Jones Law is intact in regard to the citizenship of the United States in Puerto Rico. From this judicial consequence, each one of the Puerto Ricans is subject to personal mobilization at the will of the Congress of the United States, at which we do not have any representation, nor do we want it. When a Puerto Rican goes to register, he has to go vote. If the registrations were good for Puerto Rico, the Yankees would not have registrations in Puerto Rico. If the elections were good here, there would never be an election. The registrations and the elections are a snare so that the Puerto Ricans will continue turning the well wheel for them. Go on with the wheel."

In another part of his speech he argued: "Taxes, many taxes! You are going to sell fried codfish, you need a license. You pay for the license; the fried codfish is good. A Health Inspector with a pistol; this fried codfish is bad. If you put a little butter in the hand of the Health Inspector, the fried codfish is tasty." He continued speaking about scientific taxation, arguing: "Taxes everywhere!

"The Jones Law remains intact in regard to jurisdiction in Puerto Rico. in Puerto Rico there is only one primary jurisdiction.....by force, which is the Government of the United States. The so-called Insular Government is a corporation which is called The People of Puerto Rico, organized by the Congress of the United States. The Resident Commissioner, who is here, is a resident but he is not a commissioner. He is a..... Now poor FERNOS could not vote for the law which he brings and he says that it is his; he cannot vote for anything which affects Puerto Rico. I cannot understand where these people have their face. Anyone at all says to them: sit down and be quiet.....These gentlemen have lost all feeling of the dignity of man.

"This Government of the United States has organized for **deceitful** purposes, a corporation which is called The People of Puerto Rico. This corporation has judges, district attorneys, police, soldiers, even aviation.....to

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force us to pay.....to force.....to intervene in Puerto Rico, to snatch out the heart of Puerto Rico so that you may pay taxes, to oblige you to pay taxes to maintain a system of instruction so that the Puerto Rican child may cease to be Puerto Rican. Pull out the heart of the Puerto Rican. I have just finished reading the review 'School,' which the Commissioner of Education publishes, and I saw the dates which are to be celebrated in the month of September. The date of September 23 does not appear. Tell me if this is not an outrage to the people of Puerto Rico. Tell me if it is not an act of banditry of Villaronga, if it is not a profanation of the children of Puerto Rico which demands the gallows.

"This little government, a great deal of money for prisons, for schools, yes, because it is to destroy the heart of the children of Puerto Rico, to mutilate it, to make a Yankee out of a Puerto Rican, to prostitute him, to corrupt him. For this, there is money. There is money to vaccinate with some virus or other which the Government of the United States takes a fancy to for the children to kill them on long terms, there is money for this, to kill the men of Lares..... there is no money in the whole nation. Hunger is the policy of the United States. The Yankee thinks that when a human being is deprived of a loaf of bread, he will abandon his mother, his wife, so as not to suffer hunger.

"Then our Legislature now has an Elective Governor, who signs the laws. He does not dare do anything without consulting Washington; he knows that all that he does is as a puppet of the Government of the United States. Now he signs this law, this law can be annulled by the Congress of the United States. What constitution will there be in this country? The Jones Act and the so-called constitution. This Federal Jurisdiction, which is the only one which exists, is divided into Insular and Federal Jurisdiction.....federal zone.....each time that the war navy needs a house, it comes here and expropriates it. This theater interests the Army of the United States.....expropriate it. If the church interests you, then expropriate it. They do not respect anything because they don't respect truth, they don't respect.....the courts called insular. It is not thus. Well, there was the hope that they had certain mercenaries, so that when it would be determined which is the Insular Zone from the Federal Zone, and if there were a crime in the Insular Zone, it would be judged by our courts. Matters are not thus. The Armed Forces of the United States have a privilege here: not being judged by any judicial authority, not even by the Federal Court of the United States. A United States sailor can kill anyone in the streets of San Juan and cannot be judged by the Insular Court, not even by the Federal Court. He has to be judged by a court-martial. The 'Populares' had a trial here in view of the hold-ups which the sailors committed in San Juan, insulting ladies in San Juan.....

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this gang of bandits. The government here is the Admiral in Command in Puerto Rico; it is not MUNOZ MARIN, nor the mercenaries, nor the 'Populares.'

"Puerto Rico is an atomic base of the United States. The press of day before yesterday, they already say the same things themselves that ALBIZU CAMPOS said some time ago----'Puerto Rico is going to be bombarded by atomic bombs.' They just confirmed this day before yesterday and tell us that they cannot do anything for us. What are they going to do if they take us as a shield to hide behind us. The same thing that they are doing on a small scale with our sons in Korea, they want to do on a large scale in Puerto Rico, take it as a shield to hide behind against an atomic attack. These Yankee sailors or these soldiers cannot be judged by a court in Puerto Rico, nor by a Federal Court, but by a court-martial which says that they are guilty. This is because the government here is military. There is no mystery in this. When GEIGEL POLANCO begged Admiral BARBEY that these sailors should be judged here, he said to him: 'No, You do not know where you are. Here I am in command. They are going to be judged by me or by the person whom I designate.' And why this privilege? Because the bullies need immunity. The armed forces in Puerto Rico are not to defend Puerto Rico, they are to kill the Puerto Ricans. All, down to the last soldier, the most unfortunate sailor, needs immunity. No court, no police, no judge, no one will be able to touch this sailor. This degenerate drunken person, spitting everywhere, urinating on himself as he walks through the streets of San Juan, no one dares to touch him. It will be Admiral BARBEY, it will be he who will say whether this little pirate will go to prison or not. In the court-martial the punishments are very light. The sailor is strong, he is needed in the armed forces, he is exonerated because they need him to continue killing humanity. Every Yankee soldier, every Yankee sailor has the right which the Congress of the United States grants him----kill any Puerto Rican in the street, outrage any woman in the street, kill her child in the street, and be immune because this is the only government here and all these mercenaries say that all this is democracy. The Yankees laugh at them. What unhappy people they are. They are the slave-traders of your country dedicated to imprisonment, dedicated to.....the outrage of your wives, the expropriation of your homes, the expropriation of your government (?), the destruction of your history andAll this will be maintained intact in the constitution, is maintained intact in the Jones Law, and continues to be a law. The Federal Court will continue functioning in all its glory. There is a change in the so-called Supreme Court of Puerto Rico, which is said to be of Puerto Rico, and is of Yankeeeland; it is not of Puerto Rico because it is imposed by the United States; it is not supreme because.....result of the relations.....The Circuit Court of Boston, above this Circuit Court there is another greater which is the Supreme Court in Washington. Whoever has the

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greater right in his favor puts himself in this course of action and has to lose it because the Circuit Court of Boston cannot read anything typewritten. The best typist who would do his best typing, the court in Boston cannot read it, nor the Supreme Court in Washington, either. It has to be printed in book form. In order that it may be admitted, he has to make a motion of poverty, he has to humiliate himself, his wife dead of hunger, without clothing, when he is stripped of his modesty, then the court can say to him: good, write it on the typewriter."

In another part of his speech, he argued: "Here he who wishes to buy a piece of meat in the Dominican Republic, suffers by the intervention of the Government of the United States. He who wishes to have a bottle of perfume from France, the Customs of the United States; he who wishes to send a post card to Havana, the mail of the United States.....he who wishes to send a post card to San Juan, by the mail of Lares? No, of the United States. The Administrator of the Post Office who is called Administrator, they call Post Master, if it is a woman, they say Postmistress. He who touches the wheel of the truck, which takes this mail, he will go to Atlanta.....The mail here is the same as..... of the United States.....the customs, but this is not all, the Federal Court too is going to appeal to the Circuit Court of Boston, the Circuit Court of Boston to the Supreme Court, but there is more.

"Every Administrative Secretary of the Federal Government of the United States has direct jurisdiction in Puerto Rico. The Secretary of Commerce has an office in San Juan to determine if you are importing from the United States. The Secretary of Justice, the Attorney General, direct jurisdiction. It is he who commands all the courts here, except the court-martials; notice the military naturalness of the United States. The Attorney General of the United States can determine who is to be Federal Judge here, Insular Judge, but the Attorney General cannot influence in any way a court-martial. The Customs have their own inspectors, their own police. If you receive a typewriter made in Czechoslovakia, the Customs' agents examine the invoice to see if you declared the real cost of the Czechoslovakian machine, but....make a cheaper machine in Puerto Rico, the Yankees accuse you of a false declaration.....Federal Court.....In this manner the United States maintains a police system here. There is not a system more police-like than the Yankee system. Each department of the United States has its own police. Each police can arrest a policeman in Puerto Rico, and one who is not a policeman.

"The Jones Law continues intact and what the devil is that which is going to be changed with this so-called constitution? It is possible that the

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Executive of Puerto Rico appoints judges of the so-called Supreme Court of Puerto Rico, that the so-called Governor of Puerto Rico appoints any official. All the laws which the Insular Government passes will be subject to revocation (this was the word which was heard) by the Government of the United States. They say that it is a contact law. A great contrivance. The law of fraud. The contrivance so that the Puerto Ricans will accept the political slavery of the United States. For this reason, they are so anxious in some new registrations, in some new elections. All that he who registers first has to say is that he is a Yankee citizen, and if he makes a false declaration, he will have five years in the penitentiary. Why is the Nationalist Party opposed to any Puerto Rican's registering to vote? Because he ceases being Puerto Rican.

"The Independence Party of Puerto Rico says that it can catch the Yankees as fools. The Yankees are very well-directed, they know what they are doing. The Independence Party cannot deceive the United States. Your sons are mobilized in the compulsory military service. The members of the Independence Party are damned, the members of the Popular Party are damned, damned by the world. Puerto Rico is an atomic base, no one dares to speak of this

"A mass of new illnesses has appeared in Puerto Rico. Hydrophobia is spreading over all the Puerto Ricans. Puerto Rico is sitting on a powder keg. ALBIZU CALPOS does not say this, Dr. TIERKEL, brought here by the Insular Government, says this. Infantile paralysis, the 'Weill' sickness on a large scale, many deaths. Already in Santurce and in El Condado, yes.....a great anxiety to kill all the innocent dogs in Puerto Rico.

"The United States has converted Puerto Rico into an atomic base and the United States has a vast program of experimentation for bacteriological warfare in Puerto Rico under the direct direction of the Army of the United States. This laboratory is experimenting with all the sicknesses of the earth. It is experimenting with an endemic disease of the plateaus of the Rocky Mountains in the United States. Why not experiment there? Why bring the microbes here to experiment with them in Puerto Rico? if there can be more irrigation there. If there is irrigation here, it is the Puerto Ricans who die. This laboratory is in the principal artery of the entrance to San Juan. Here they have a cage which says 'Infested Animals.' They have rabbits, rats, bovine cattle there, etc. This powder can fly and whoever passes in a bus can absorb it and transmit it.

"My friends, all this is under the direct command of an army.....the armies are establishing themselves to kill. The Medical Corps of the Army of the

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United States has not dared to take this experimentation upon itself; the School of Tropical Medicine has not dared to take this upon itself; the new School of Medicine has not dared to take this experimentation upon itself. No medical school in the United States has dared to take this experimentation upon itself. The Army of the United States is in charge of this. The Army is very simple----they are studying how to make invasion troops immune to the same epidemic which these invasion troops disseminate. They are studying how to spread typhoid, but, before spreading it, they are studying how to protect their troops from it.

".....I invite PONS, I invite all its health officers, MUNOZ MARIN, the defenders of the Yankee flag in Puerto Rico, to study this continual infection which is flying over their native land. Moreover, this constitution has been written which they want, by which all Puerto Ricans will become crazy because of this foolishness. The boss never trusts his slaves. He trusts a free enemy. But a slave gives his signature, it is not worth anything. This constitution, which they are going to bring the Puerto Ricans in fifty-two, has already been written. When the electors here draw up the constitution, it does not become a law because they are slaves. This is going to be approved first by the President of the United States. The President has to say that it is good. The President has to approve it, and if the President approves it, then Congress."

He finished at 4:20 PM saying: "Why all this eagerness? One thing which is to affirm the despotism in Puerto Rico. All this has to be opposed and has to be opposed as the men of Lares opposed despotism with the revolution."

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Speech by PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS on
October 12, 1950, at a public meeting
in the Plaza Munoz Rivera of Ponce,
Puerto Rico, in commemoration of
"El Dia de la Raza" (Columbus Day).

Attended by Sergeant [REDACTED]

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Insular Police.

"Mr. President of the Board of Ponce, my beloved fellow-countrymen:

"We have come to the commemoration of one of the greatest dates of human history. Today is commemorated the reunion of humanities. It is said that today is the day of the discovery of America. Today is the day of the discovery of America for the Europeans, but today also is the day of the discovery of Europe for the fathers of our country, the Indians of America. Two worlds exist, two hemispheres which do not know one another. There existed intimate relations between the nations of Africa, especially North Africa, Europe and Asia centuries before the date which we commemorate today. But if there was an intuition in the history of the two worlds, of a unity of all the planet, before the twelfth of October 1492, that intuition did not crystallize into direct knowledge and all the hemisphere which constitutes our Americas was unknown to the Asiatics, the Africans, the Europeans and the Americans, those genuine Americans, our fathers, the Indians. All the old world, that is Europe, Africa and Asia was unknown to them. Of course, I repeat, that in the Mayan history of the great Mexican civilization and in the history of the Incas in the great South American civilization, there are indications of a profound knowledge of the unity of the earth. But their intuition did not go so far as an immediate knowledge of that unity. Also, it is true, in Europe there existed a belief in an Atlantis which united Europe, Asia and Africa with the American continents. Even today explorations are being undertaken to establish the real existence of an Atlantis civilization.

"When Columbus arrived on our American beaches he received a great surprise in finding a new culture, religions unknown to him, customs unknown

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to him, languages unknown to him and a completely different race. And our fathers, the Indians, received a great surprise on seeing these white men, pale men, and they called them

(The speech was interrupted at this point for the playing of "La Bbrinquena," the Nationalist anthem.)

"They believed that they were imaginary beings, phantasms, on seeing their ships they thought they were something fantastic which had arrived from across the seas. And here in Anasco, Ibayohan, one of our Indians, tested the mortality of the whites by drowning Salcedo in the Anasco river to see whether they were mortal and if they feared to die in war or peace. That is to say that today we are not actually commemorating the discovery of America, we are commemorating the discovery of one part of humanity by another part; a reciprocal discovery which resulted in the knowledge of the unity of humanity, the knowledge of the unity of the planet. How did such a great event take place, that two worlds existing on the same planet were in ignorance of each other's existence, and that suddenly they appear, one before the other like two phantasms who rise over the horizon, like two shadows which rise out of the sea for the first time in their history. The central figure of this happening was Don Christopher Columbus, Admiral of Spain. Why was Spain called for this great undertaking? There were other nations which had been great maritime powers in the ancient world. There was Rome, the Roman Empire, which sailed all the Mediterranean, part of Asia, all of Europe, and all of North Africa. The Romans, nevertheless, did not even suspect the existence of the new world. Before the Romans there were the, a great maritime power, the Phoenicians, the Greeks, great races of wise men and great navigators, but they too were not able to discover the great secret. And contemporaneous with Spain there was Portugal. Not even Portugal, in spite of being a great maritime power at the time when Don Christopher Columbus began his great voyage. Portugal followed the route of Africa toward the south, sailing from Africa to arrive at the riches of the Indies which were still a legend among all the peoples of Europe. Spain had been reserved by providence for this great work. 'Was Columbus Spanish?' you will ask me. It is said that he was Genoese, but like all great works of the world it is neither from Genoa nor Spain but is one of the entire human race. Every place argues over the privilege of being his birthplace. One says that he was Galician, others that he was Catalan and others that he

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was a Basque, but it seems that the pen of history will award this privilege to Genoa. However, Genoa, although it was a great maritime power at that time did not have the means for initiating a venture of such magnitude which had been reserved for Spain. Columbus arrived in Spain with his son and was received by the Dominican fathers in the Rabida. They sheltered him in the Rabida with his son and it is father Marchena, the confessor of her majesty Queen Isabella, the Catholic, who acted as his god-father before the Catholic monarchs, Isabella of Castile and Fernando of Aragon. It was the Dominican fathers who had the vision to understand the mission of this genius and to understand the wisdom, skill and courage which fitted Columbus for this great task. It is good to know what idea the learned men of Europe had concerning the Atlantic. They all believed that it ended at a certain point and at a certain distance from the coast of Europe. At what point it ended they did not know, but they imagined that beyond this point there was a great abyss, an immense precipice where everything ended. That is to say, that the Atlantic was surrounded by an immense shadow, and immense impenetrable obscurity. This was emphasized by the fact that the Portuguese navigators traveled close to the coast of Africa, arrived at the Cape of Good Hope and doubled around to India but would not venture to cross the waters of the Atlantic. Men like to believe that the place where they are does not move, that it is fixed. They like to think that they are the ideal creatures of the world, that everything rotates around them personally. They like to think that their country is the best in all creation and that beyond their borders nothing exists. They also like to think that their feelings are the most humble feelings and that their thoughts are the most perfect thoughts. But there are the visionaries, those gifted by the grace of God with eternal vision and with a knowledge of the powers which they possess. Humanity is on a planet which is named Earth, which planet is constantly moving through space. We do not remain motionless even for a minute. We are traveling through all space at a dizzying speed and have been doing so for thousands of years. We are moving around the sun and the sun is moving around the constellation of Hercules, the constellation of Hercules in turn being in a constant state of motion, to what destination we do not know. But the movement is continuous; we are in a vehicle placed at our disposal by the Almighty, to race through all the universe. Note well that at this moment, while I have the privilege of speaking to you, we are in full march, in a phantastic march which cannot be described in all its beauty by even the most lively and privileged poetic mind. And we do not travel alone, all the visible constellations accompany us; the Milky Way, all the planets which belong to the solar system, all the

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constellations of the Zodiac, the entire universe, all accompany us. And God gives us the right to contemplate and to raise our eyes toward a beauty impossible to describe and a science impossible to decipher. Our minds feel paralyzed before the grandeur in which we move from the moment of our birth until the moment in which we descend to our tombs; but even as ashes in our tombs we continue this journey through eternity. That is to say, nothing is motionless, nothing is static. Between bodies there is a fixed distance set by the laws of nature; we are a certain distance from the sun, the moon a certain distance from the earth, each planet a certain distance from the sun, each constellation a certain distance from the constellations to which we belong. All that is fixed, but it is fixed within a tremendous firmament which travels through the infinite, almost impossible for the human mind to comprehend.

"When we see these things from this point of view we understand that man, made of flesh and bones, has a permanent place in existence by divine law. And if we thoroughly understand the immortality of the soul we can understand also the perpetuity of the existence of the human race. And then we can understand why it is said that man was created in the image of his creator, in the image of the Almighty, with the comprehension of the universe in which he was formed along with all other things existent on this planet, and with the comprehension of what, as owner and master of this planet, he can do with it, if he is given freedom in the great dignity of his creation, and can improve, if it is possible to improve the divinework, and to reveal in himself the creative power which is his as a result of his Christian birth.

"Well then, as for Don Christopher Columbus and the scholars of his day, they believed the earth was round and in continual motion and believed that the West was reached from the East by traveling around the earth. It wasn't enough just to persuade the practical minds of the day; they had to collect the material means for proof, to obtain ships, to prepare these ships, to provision them, to have the technical knowledge to prepare these ships for an Atlantic voyage. For you to have an idea of this problem, which of you can take a yawl in the port of Ponce and sail it to the port of Arrecibo? It would be easier to take the yawl and carry it on your shoulders along the highway; you would feel safer this way. But let's suppose that instead of a yawl it is a schooner. Which one of you could take a motor launch and make this voyage? Which one of you could take a trans-Atlantic steamer and sail it from the port of Ponce to the port of Arrecibo? It would be easier to take it by land. Imagine what it is to take three sailing vessels and leave from

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the port of Ponce sailing for Spain, a distance of 7,500 Kilometers. Which one of you will be the captain to direct this voyage? I cite these instances in order that we may understand the genius of that great man and the persuasion necessary to get the Catholic King and Queen to give their consent to such a great enterprise, to present the men, the ships, the provisions, and all that was necessary for the great work. But why was Spain chosen for this task? Spain is the first nation of Europe and the first nation on earth to achieve its political unity on the basis of Christianity, a new political entity achieved on a Christian basis in a bloody battle of more than seven centuries. When you tell me that the struggle for independence that the struggle for independence of nationalities is not a question of days nor of years, but may be of centuries or of minutes. It might be that on this very night Puerto Rico will proclaim itself free, sovereign and independent. But if this unity is not achieved by us, or if some other heroic mission is not undertaken, it is late. The idea never dies because the idea of independence of nationalities is fundamental; it is a part of human existence itself and no tyranny can ever survive the principle of the independence of nationalities. All tyrannies fall and disappear and the independence of nationalities rises gloriously in all ages and epochs of the world. The Yankees will pass away, but never will the independence of Puerto Rico pass away.

"Well, then, Spain achieved its political unity on the basis of its Christian unity. And what is Christianity? It is the principle that Christianity brings to men. What is it that Spanish Catholicism reveals to the history of the world? What is the great secret of the immovable heroism of the Spaniards? Christianity refers all problems of rights and duties to our own consciences. It makes us the judge of our own deeds, before ourselves and before the Almighty. It makes us conscious of an internal dignity and power which it is very difficult for other religions to bring to the understanding of man, at least to carry it to his intimate conscience. And when man is convinced of what he should do and what he should not do, he gains strength from knowing he is doing what he believes to be right, right for himself, right for his fellow man, for the love which he has for his fellow man, to raise to God the prayers which are due the Almighty and he believes himself justified in defying any man or group of men. And whatever power these men can gather together to prepare for battle is not important, however much inequality there may be in the battle, if that internal resolve which Christianity gives makes each Christian a hero, a hero who defies everyone and who passes through fire and persecution and who throws himself into a fearsome sea, like BEAUCHAMP and RCSADA and the great martyrs of our native Puerto Rico. This is

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the spirit of Spain, the spirit of Zaragosa. This heroism is not possible without an indifference to material things. It is not possible without the vision of an immortality within us, without the certainty of the divinity of man and the greatness contained in each of us. And it is said that the Spanish church, Spanish Catholicism, is hard and harsh. That is true. It is hard and harsh as all beauty and grandeur are hard and harsh. Because if it is stained and touched by sinful hands it dies. For this reason, the sword of Spain, the Toledo sword which paraded heroically through the world, is a symbol of the eternal in us and of the wickedness in us because all humanity is elevated by the dignity which we receive from the Almighty. It is certain that behind the great heroes of the world run the parasites of the world, the pirates, the thieves, basking in the glory of those whom they follow. These are never the representatives of a family, a race, a nation or of humanity itself. A family is known by those members who guard their honor. A father and mother may have twelve children, yet the child who guards his honor is the only child, the others are unknown because they dishonor the family if they do not defend their honor. And the representatives of a race, of a nation and of the world are those who reveal their greatness in their manner of living and who sacrifice everything for their fellow men no matter how degenerate and degraded they may be, because they have never given over living like the most abject beings of the earth. Man is so great because no matter how beaten or debased he may be he can never shed the robes of the Divine Being. And he always has within himself the power to exist in the sanctity of the divine earth. Heaven is not far from us; it is in our hands, it is our unity. It is the spirit of Spain, the spirit of secret meditation of the order of Carmellites, a legacy for the earth, where the invocation of pure and saintly women and pure and saintly friends enables us to call to the Almighty asking Him to send us the Saintly Spirit of pity. That is the spirit of Spain. What is its science and who is who wishes its alienation..... with all its human beings.

"The Spaniards arrived here and intermarried with the Indian women. They arrived here and met the African Negro women and married them. And their children are their children and bear their names and their race and civilization and faith. They did not come here to look down upon any race, nor to look down upon the blood of any man, because they knew that all men are brothers of all others on the face of the earth. And for this reason

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we call ourselves one race. We do not speak the "gringo" language. They speak of racial superiority, of the Hitler state, of the "white race," the "Nordic race." In the eyes of the "Nordic race" no other human beings are worth anything. This is the criterion of the "gringo," and of the Ku Klux Klan.

"In the United States there is only one law for the Negro, Lynch Law. For everyone who has African blood, which includes many Puerto Ricans, and all who are suspected of having African blood, and this includes all Puerto Ricans, the law of the United States is lynch law. A relative of mine told me that the Nationalists unjustly attack the United States. I told him, 'You have money. Take a trip to Atlanta. Get some Negro girl and walk down the streets of Atlanta, and try to enter a cafe in Atlanta with her and they will kill both of you if you insist that your parents are white and pure-blooded and that you cannot recognize nor understand their conception of race as a physical phenomenon.' It is as if all horses divided themselves into classes as white horses, black horses, bays or palominos and that the black horses could not mate with the white horses. This is the narrow-mindedness of the United States mentality and of its leaders. I am not speaking of its ignorant and uncivilized masses such as exist in all the Southern part of the United States, but of the leaders, those who come here to render sociological critiques, who wish to impose these critiques on our centers of education. No, we speak of the human race. We speak of a race which is Spanish-American. A race which has superior ideals, which gives order to all human beings. We are one in our community.

"There is something sublime in giving everything for a belief, a faith, a principle. The courage to face any difficulty and to overcome it in a spirit of sacrifice. To cut ourselves off from those whom we love, to live for a glorious existence with the divine plan for mankind. We refer everything to our consciences. There is no foreign or external power which can influence us or dominate us. No, we are guided only by the power of our conscience, which in a Puerto Rican cannot remain indifferent if a man raises a club and beats a woman in our presence. All Puerto Ricans would enter the fight. If this happened here because some mean and dirty boy beat up someone in our presence, we would all fall on him with blows and would kill him if necessary without thinking about the consequences. I have seen persons held up in New York and everyone runs. I saw this in New York, the great metropolis.

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When anyone takes out a revolver, everyone hides; it does not matter who is going to die, a child or a woman. No one feels that the other man is his brother. Everyone thinks the other is a robber and pirate and that they can only live by going into hiding. Such a situation does not exist among us. That is the great difference - the lack of solidarity between human beings. Thus it is that their standard is one of assertion by hunger and oppression while ours is one of uniting all persons through love, persuasion and beauty.

"What have the millennial races contributed to this Iberian-American civilization? What have the Africans contributed? Here is its music; here is the language which most deeply touches the human heart. For this reason the Puerto Rican is never sad. Here is the African spirit which laughs at slavery, which laughs at oppression, which even laughs at death. What traits carried our indigenous race to the Indies and other places? That coolness, the resolution of the person who sits in the doorway waiting for the day when the corpse of his enemy will be carried by. The resolution which comes from following a just cause. Here is the millennial wisdom of the Incas and of the Mayas. They also lived in the presence of eternity. The disciples of Our Lord had crossed the Atlantic, but the Incas saw that behind the single God which they adored there was an impersonal God and they said that the Sun was very powerful but not all-powerful because a cloud could cover it up at any moment. 'What power is it which can move a cloud to cover up the Sun God which gives us life?' They called that invisible power 'The Great Cavalier of the Universe.'..... That is to say, the light has not been hidden from the Almighty, it could not be hidden from any of its creators.

"The Iberian race, which is the fruition of all elements which God placed on the earth, brought the Catholic faith here, the faith of Saint Ignacio and Loyola, of Saint Teresa de la Cruz. The pure faith is the fulfillment of duty, the demanding of virtue, integrity and honor. And Spain, with a sabre, showed humanity the great sentiment of honor by a clean sabre cut. Those who have lost all shame have to be enslaved in order for them to be lifted from the indignity into which they have fallen. The great and powerful Spaniards rose to control of Europe in three centuries. During the time when in England to be a pirate was the same as being a noble, while Francis Drake, here as a pirate to assault our beaches, was elevated to the English nobility, the Spanish were raising a monument of beauty and grandeur, of sanctuaries, monasteries and universities to civilize mankind. It is

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inconceivable to a Spaniard, to a Spanish-American, that a pirate should be elevated to the rank of a noble. But for the Yankee mentality, that is conceivable. If the pirate has been able to steal many millions of pesos, he is a noble. If the noble has lost those millions of pesos, then he is no good. You are worth as much as you have. We are discussing values and a man's word is of value if he is a man of honor. No contract is worth anything if the notary is a thief and the two signatories are thieves. Written contracts are not necessary between honorable men except as a record to be preserved in case of death. We are discussing values because they are the basis of societies and of international life. The crisis of values in the world is due to the lack of honor, truth and honesty; the lack of the Spanish spirit in humanity.

"We are the depositaries of a great faith in which dignity and honor will make men free and happy. We will not be thieves nor can anyone make us be. We will not covet anyone's land, women or treasure, nor will the greatness of our spirit permit us to practice deceit. We greatly appreciate the glory of anyone who achieves a high plane of greatness. For this reason, in Ponce, the most humble child, the saddest child who here has whatever glimmering of possibilities is given our fullest sympathy and is lent every assistance to raise himself and to make a great person of himself. For this reason we give a child the same consideration we would the Nazarene and we adore the children and here each child has as many fathers and mothers as there are men and women in Puerto Rico. No, here the criteria of the founder of the Democratic Party of the United States, President Andrew Jackson, cannot be used; for he decreed the extermination of all the Indians of the United States. And he said that the only good Indian is a dead Indian. And they killed the children and the women and the men and the Yankee soldiers took the Indians by their little feet and beat their heads against the trunks of the trees. This happened scarcely one century ago. Yet these are the savages who wish to meddle in our government.

"In this review of values we must briefly consider the history of the decent institutions of Puerto Rico. The Yankees fear us. They fear us and have no intention but to exterminate us. To exterminate us by hunger, and when hunger is not enough to take care of those who survive it, then they seize us and send us to kill out there in Korea. The 65th Regiment of Puerto Rico is in Korea and the Yankees announce that they have suffered more than 100 casualties. This is what we are useful for under this Constitution - to be educated in slavery. There is only one system of public instruction here,

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which spends many millions but not one cent to feed the people. Universities are established, public and private, one in Rio Piedras supported by us, a Polytechnic in San German and the University of Santa Maria in Ponce. To educate us in slavery. The Yankee Catholics, the Yankee Masons, Yankee Protestants are mobilized to destroy our Spanish customs, to destroy our language, to destroy all that we are. We are the founders of Spanish culture in the world. The Polytechnic Institute teaches in English. The University at Rio Piedras teaches in English. And the Santa Maria here also teaches in English. I have here in my pocket the entrance schedule of the University called Santa Maria. This also is written in English. I believe that that is the most shameless thing which could happen in the history of the world. That the name of the Most Blessed Virgin, Mother of our Saviour, has been seized upon to be used in a sinister plan to destroy the Spanish culture of Puerto Rico. The Catholic Yankees, the Protestant Yankees; the Catholic Yankees placed in the Santa Maria and the Protestant Yankees placed in the Polytechnic of San German and in the University at Rio Piedras, the Agnostic Yankees placed in Rio Piedras, and all pledged to destroy the Spanish culture of Puerto Rico, to destroy its language, to make of us a dead people, who speak neither English nor Spanish, but only a patois. The situation at Santa Maria is the most serious because there there are many Irish, priests of Irish origin. It is serious because the Catholic.... in Puerto Rico are of Irish origin. The battle for independence in Ireland lasted for seven centuries, because the reconquest of its independence was the reconquest of its language. He who does not speak his own language cannot be free, because he does not know his history, he does not know from whence he came; and the aim of the Irish was the reinstitution of their Gaelic language, which they have now achieved. Many priests at Santa Maria are descendants of the Irish Nationalists. I can imagine how these fathers would feel if the English established a University in Dublin whose first entrance schedule was in English, and which schedule, I wish to (TR: underlined words which followed were spoken in English) Catholic University of Santa Maria. I don't know why they used Santa Maria; they should have said Saint Mary. Application for Admission in the Catholic University of Santa Maria as a student in -who the devil can understand that? Afterwards they ask Nationality, Race, Religion. Good, if for any reason I feel myself to be a Catholic it is because the Negroes, the mulattos, the whites, the Indians, and all human beings, may enter that cathedral. Those who are Catholics are not divided between the white and black Catholics as are the Baptists, the Methodists and all the Protestant sects in the United States. On the day that

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Catholicism closes its doors to the human unity Satan will enter and it will become a meeting place for the Ku Klux Klan. Those racist officials need the Ku Klux Klan. The Catholic Church does not need it. The bishops who are consecrated for their sanctity are not chosen on the basis of being Negroes, whites, Indians or Chinese, but as Catholics. I emphasize this because the Yankees don't respect anything, and because this is proof that the Catholics in the United States don't respect anything. The Catholics in the United States are disposed to serve a Protestant and Masonic government because that is their government, that is their patriotism. A lesson for us. And I wish to bring out this point, the government of the United States whether it is Protestant or Masonic, puts the authority for espionage in the hands of the Catholics. The chief of espionage in the United States during the last war was General Donovan, an Apostolic Roman Catholic and a Knight of Columbus, under the leadership of a 33rd degree Mason, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Who is the chief of espionage in the United States today? General Theodore Smith, an Apostolic Roman Catholic and a Knight of Columbus under a person who is a Mason, Truman, 33rd degree. And I remind you of this because in the United States Christianity is thrown on the ground. It is a question of accumulating money, or accumulating power. The spirit of humanity is not reflected in any part. Vanity, vanity, and the Catholics serve the Protestants and the Protestants serve the Catholics in their empire work in order to impose their authority on all, with blood and fire. Recently there has arisen here public controversy between Puerto Ricans because some are Catholics and others Protestants and others Masons. All this discussion has merit as a problem of conscience. But for the existence of our country the Masons of Puerto Rico, the Protestants of Puerto Rico, the Catholics of Puerto Rico, and the Atheists of Puerto Rico have to stand man to man, heart to heart in the defense of the independence of Puerto Rico.

"What is more, here they now wish to implement the registering of Communists. I am an Apostolic Roman Catholic. I'm not a Communist. I don't believe in historic determinism, because I believe that man, in his advance, controls, through his will, the development of history, with the aid of Providence. If I believed that man were predestined to be a pig, or to be any four-legged animal, I would not accept this. If man doesn't have free will to change his environment then why are the Communists fighting so hard to change conditions in Russia? This means that the struggle in which the Soviets are engaging all their dynamic power makes a falsehood of the fatalism of Communism in the field of sociology, in political science and in all action which they undertake. Their fatalism is the fire which transforms

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their steppes into great gardens and fields. But here, today, the desire is to persecute the Communists and they wish to make us Catholics treat our Puerto Ricans who are Communists in the same manner. If the Puerto Ricans are Communists, this does not concern the Americans; they are Puerto Ricans. This is a question which exclusively concerns the Puerto Ricans, to threaten the liberty of a Communist because he is a Puerto Rican. For this cause we raise ourselves and strengthen ourselves to defend our liberty and our dignity. On the day when Puerto Rico is free, sovereign and independent all the constitutional problems will be spread out for the true comprehension of the nation. On that day let the Communists present a constitutional plan adequate for our environment; let the Fascists and the Jews of Puerto Rico present a constitutional plan adequate for our environment; let the Capitalist or the Anarchist present such a plan. That is their duty, not just their right, but their duty. Let the Catholics, or the Protestants, or the Spiritualists, or the Sophists, or the Atheists present such a plan. That is a duty. These are the plans which are filled with honor, humility, patriotism. They should choose a plan which will be appropriate for our environment so that our country can have the best constitution which can be forged for the common good of each and every Puerto Rican.

"Then, this plan of destruction of the Hispanic personality is under discussion today. Here and now we refer to a constitutional convention of the sovereign and independent Republic of Puerto Rico. Not, as has been said by Professor Nogueras, Negron Nogueras, a slave constitution. The Yankees know that the Treaty of Paris is null as far as Puerto Rico is concerned. That if they affirm the right of conquest, they are affirming the right of barbarity and conquest. And with the right of barbarity and conquest they are not able to appear before any international tribunal. For this reason they did not attend the meeting of independent territories held in Havana last March. They had a right to take a seat there, but they did not go, because it is hard to show your shamelessness openly; it is truly hard, it is difficult. No, they know that they cannot defend this position. On the other hand, they have converted Puerto Rico into an atomic base. Now they are thinking how to protect themselves a little because there are many of them here. Maybe many of them will die here. Yes, here there is a great tomb waiting for all Yankees. It is a large tomb, the tomb which the Almighty is opening to punish them for the 52 years of war against the Puerto Rican nation, to destroy its Hispanic personality by all means, by the press, the book, the school, the

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university, hunger, infections, cancer, vaccination, all means which can be employed. Today Puerto Rico is a field of experimentation for bacteriological warfare under the command of the Army of the United States. Here the Department of Health is seeking the reason for these new diseases. But the department doesn't have the courage to ask the chief of the United States Army what he knows about this. 'Tell me, Mr. General, is ALBIZU CAMPOS telling the truth or not.' The department doesn't dare, poor little ones, all dying of cold. And our gentlemen, born in our country, are getting wealthy here, but they deny that Puerto Rico is an atomic base - 'be quiet.' Puerto Rico is a field of experimentation for bacteriological warfare - 'be quiet.' Our sons are being mobilized to be killed in Korea - 'be quiet.' No, you mustn't bother the master because he can kick you, he can kill anyone who bothers him. Fear. Terror. For here, when one of you goes to register, listen well, whatever boy reaches the age of 21, whatever girl reaches the age of 21 and wishes to vote, has to sign a paper under oath, and they advise you in the paper and they yell at you that whatever thing you say that is false will result in your being punished by 5 years' imprisonment. First question: First sentence: He who is going to register has to say, 'I am an American citizen.' Then he has to say where he was born; in what town, etc. Why do they want this information? For voting. But voting here is of no value. This information is for use for compulsory military service. The girls are not exempt from mobilization. They are now discussing mobilizing into the armed forces all women. Already they have female generals, colonels, commanders. These women have come here, recruits, with very tight belts, WACS. Yes, they are militarizing the women. They are doing well. They must protect themselves. Justice hovers over them and they are all going to die. They have a presentiment that they are going to die, that they are in line to be exterminated for all their crimes. They feel this and they are going to mobilize all the world. Here a man suffering from tuberculosis is brought forward, for Korea; a cripple, for Korea; a one-eyed man, for Korea; a man who weighs only 90 pounds, for Korea and we will fatten him up on the way; a man without teeth, for Korea and we will make him a set on the way. Good, on signing this paper the boy or girl is told that he is an American citizen, and when he is called for the Army he says 'I cannot die for this reason or that, because I am a Puerto Rican.' They answer, 'No, you signed that paper to vote. Is it true or not, what you said on that paper. You are an American citizen. It says here below that if you sign this and it is false you must spend 5 years in the penitentiary.' That makes you tremble, 5 years in the penitentiary. 'Well, look, it is true. I am an

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American citizen. Take me to Korea and bury my head there.' They make you tremble. That is the purpose of registering. Here the elections have never turned out anything favorable to Puerto Rico in 52 years, more than half a century. What are they going to accomplish now? If the elections were good for Puerto Rico not a single election would have been held here. Puerto Rico would never choose anything which would give the Yankees power here. The elections are a little game each four years. A group of Puerto Ricans voluntarily present themselves to say that they are not Puerto Ricans. Listen to this well. When any one of you goes to register he says that he is not a Puerto Rican. This is a system to paralyze the growth of the Puerto Rican nation. The nation grows only when new citizens are born. They have a system here whose purpose is that no one shall be born. Maternity centers, and what maternity centers, whose purpose is that not one child shall be born. No mother should go there. If she does she will not have children. Why do they call them maternity centers when their purpose is to teach mothers not to have children. Those who survive them do so because they have a great love for the child who tries to starve his father or mother to death. The child who survives to manhood is offered a little job as soon as he becomes a little man. Since there are few little jobs, he becomes reserve cannon fodder; there is a war and he goes to the front. But, American citizens, listen to this. Step forward, for Korea. For Korea, and they say to you in English (TR: underlined words were spoken in English), 'Squad left, squad right, march, to Korea.' You must learn, if it is in English, because certainly you have to speak the language of the master. That is what the registrations are for.

"It is said that they are going to prepare a constitution here. The law which authorized a meeting for a so-called constitution says that the Jones law with respect to citizenship, a law of the United States Congress where we have no representation, will remain intact. That means that there will be a constituent convention here where no one can say that he is a Puerto Rican. Listen to this. A constituent convention of Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico where no one can say that he is a Puerto Rican. The present Jones law remains intact in respect to this. The Jones law says that we are American citizens here. In 1917 when the Germans were just about to finish off the French and English and were going to arrive in the United States, the important thing was to mobilize 100,000 Puerto Ricans to fight the Germans. And since they are very ambitious they are always having another war. They have just had another and now comes the Korean war. They need 150,000 Puerto Ricans. This means that that clause in the Jones law remains intact. Moreover, it says that local leaders will be

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Puerto Rican citizens for local purposes, but any citizen of the United who resides in Puerto Rico for one year or more becomes a citizen of Puerto Rico with all the rights which we in Puerto Rico have. There are 150,000,000 citizens in the United States and at any time any number of 'gringos' may come to Puerto Rico and, under the Jones law, at the end of a year they become Puerto Rican citizens and can vote here. This means that if they cannot recruit traitors here to impose their will they still have that law to import Yankees here for voting purposes. Any Yankee who resides here for a year can vote and would have the same rights as we have here and the proposed little constitution has no effect on this. The gringos will continue to rule here. Nor can the little constitution have any effect upon the jurisdiction of the existing courts in Puerto Rico. The Circuit Court of Boston has jurisdiction here. Gentlemen, that is bound to be harmful. Whenever anyone here makes a claim before the so-called Supreme Court of Puerto Rico at Puerta de Tierra and loses his case he has to take his appeal to the Circuit Court in Boston, and who the devil knows where Boston is? Those men in Boston don't speak Spanish, and everything has to be sent to them in English. What's more, they don't read typewriting, they don't understand anything handwritten, and every thing must be in book form. That is so that no poor man may appeal his case. That is Democracy! But that is not enough! From the Circuit Court in Boston you can appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States in Washington. And who the devil has been in Washington? Neither can those men read anything handwritten even though it is written by a great artist. They couldn't read anything typewritten even though it were a work of art. Everything has to be printed, in English. That is so that no one can defend himself. The jurisdiction of the Federal Court remains intact. The position of the Armed Forces of the United States in Puerto Rico also remains intact. The Yankee navy can come here and machine-gun the masses and neither the Insular nor Federal Courts can try them. They can be tried by court-martial under the direct jurisdiction of the Admiral and the Command in Puerto Rico, which is the true government of Puerto Rico. This tyranny, in the last analysis, is maintained by the Armed Forces. And the important thing is that those who are sent here to kill humanity cannot be judged by their victims but only by their own superiors who have come here to murder. The Armed Forces exist only to kill Puerto Ricans whenever they try to protest. Last Fourth of July the Yankee sailors here, on Independence Day of the United States, gave themselves over to staging holdups in San Juan. A great way to celebrate the Independence Day of the United States - very fitting. And here the Insular Attorney General tried to

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have these cases tried in the Insular Courts. Admiral Barbey refused. He said that they would be tried in courts-martial but that, as a matter of courtesy, the Insular Attorney General would be invited. The Governor bowed his head; everybody bowed his head. The Legislature in Puerto Tierra was in the basement eating. Everything remains intact and the unjust laws remain intact. The customs houses remain intact, to force us to buy at the price that the United States sets and to sell to them at the prices set by them. The great gainer is the one who owns a little store here in Ponce and who can sell his goods to us at a price which gives him a profit and can buy our products at a price which gives him a profit. Imagine. A legal transaction. Why is this imposed on us at bayonet point? All this remains intact. The military zones of the United States remain intact. Puerto Rico is divided into military zones, Federal zones, as they are called, and Insular zones. But this division is for the benefit of the Insular Government, according to what I hear said. The Insular Government cannot meddle in the Federal zones, but the Federal Government can meddle in the Insular Government anytime it can gain anything therefrom. They can come here and expropriate the Cathedral to convert it into a stable for the Yankee mules. Here no one is guaranteed the right to his home. If, in the judgment of the Military Authorities, the most respectable home is needed for entertaining the Armed Forces of the United States, they pay whatever price is profitable to them. All this remains intact. That monstrous Federal decree which covers all the central part of Puerto Rico, including its forests, remains intact. Today they have one forest where guards have orders to arrest anyone. All this signifies that any home may be entered without previous consent; all that remains intact. We nations all remain under its control. What can Puerto Rico conceal from the United States? It remains intact under the control of United States. And the constitution mentions this. That is so that Puerto Ricans will say that they are satisfied with slavery when ALBIZU CAMPOS says, 'Get out of here,' that it looks like a new deal. Now I say that it would have been possible 52 years ago but the present situation is being accepted because the Puerto Ricans are agreeing to be slaves of the United States for the rest of their lives and the lives of their children and grandchildren and posterity. And more, this little constitution has already been written, down to the last comma. Why? Because the United States Government will not put itself in the position of having the Puerto Ricans say they don't want it. That constitution must be approved by the President of the United States first. Who will accept for the

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Congress of the United States? Let's see. It is a laugh at the expense of our people, a sarcasm. Only those who have become rich in recent years, who have become millionaires at the expense of the hunger, misery and pain of this country, they are the ones who will support such a great outrage.

"Let us rise, gentlemen; we are a Spanish country and must vow that the Yankees will not penetrate here. We must be in the vanguard of civilization and must not allow the Yankee barbarians to march through the heart of the Americas. Long live Spain! Long live Spanish America! Long live Independence! I end.

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Speech by PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS on October 26, 1950, at a public meeting held in the public plaza at Fajardo, Puerto Rico, in commemoration of the birth of General ANTONIO VALERO DE BERNABE, a Puerto Rican patriot. Attended by

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"Beloved countrymen and lovers of liberty. This great assembly meets in honor of one of the liberators of America, one of the liberators of the world, an illustrious son of Fajardo. It is a day of glory for Fajardo. Here Valero de Bernabe was born, the liberator of Spain, the liberator of Latin America. Fajardans, yours is the cradle in which are formed the liberators. Our humanity must take advantage of that from which may rise a great figure. Great men do not rise in a certain environment by chance. No. It has been said that they are born by predestination. That may be so, but also they are born in a predestined cradle of greatness, so to speak. If all those who form a community are an integral part of the soul in which greatness is formed - I am sorry that the rain is beginning to bother you a bit, but we will continue the meeting in spite of the rain. - all those who are born in this environment constitute part of the greatness embraced by the spirit of liberty which the Almighty God has conferred on all humanity and on the members of the community in whatever place they may have been born. This is the day of glory of the people of Fajardo. Today I felt overwhelmed when I saw this group of students grasping the flags of our civilization, to raise these standards which represent that history of sacrifice and heroism which has shaken humanity. Spanish civilization is still the hope of the world; it is a civilization which inspires honor. Honor is the basis of dignity and only the man or woman who is conscious of what dignity is, and only the nation conscious of what dignity is, and only the community conscious of what human dignity is, can form a civilization worthy of man.

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"Today, I have seen youths running to take up the flag of our nationality and to take up the flag staffs, many of them beardless youths and too weak to bear the weight of our standards, hastening at any risk to carry them. The children are not mistaken. The youths are not mistaken. It has been well said by the wise ones that he who wishes to recognize great men and who wishes to comprehend the goodness and nobility of man can do so easily if he observes the love and goodness of the children around him. The children are not mistaken. No one is as radiant as a child and the radiation of confident youth surrounds all that is good and holy. You are right, young people, these are our banners, the banners of a generation which is spilling its human blood. They are the banners of those who wish to live with greatness of spirit.

"My wife has said very pertinently that posterity is nourished by the sacrifices of the living. In these flags of all America and of our mother country lies the epopee of humanity, the achievement of the discovery of America, the perspective of man as worthy of his divine origin. You are not mistaken in seizing these standards. Here is the blood of many generations of women and the blood of many generations of men and the blood of innocent children. For a long time posterity has been nourished by the sacrifice of innocent children. Here is the blood of Valero, Beauchamp and Antongiorgi. The legend of Zaragosa, the legend of Bolivar, of San Martin, of all the great men of our history - all this is in our flag. It is our duty to honor the memory of the great men of history, and to set as our goal the renovation of our spirit to make ourselves worthy of their memory.

"Today the United States is intervening in our country. It is a cruel and impious intervention. Valero gave all his life for the independence of Mexico, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia. Valero directed all his efforts toward glorious deeds of emancipation wherever he was chief of staff. And he crowned his work of liberation when the last town of the Spanish empire in the new world was conquered.

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"He was the chief of staff, the chief of the liberation forces of great Venezuela. It is interesting to see how in Valero there is represented not only the spirit of liberty of Puerto Rico, but also a generous, kind, noble sentiment in battle, in a battle filled with treachery and cowardice characteristic of two-faced men and women. All these things and more are found to be invading our environment. We see here an invasion of foreigners who come here trying to mutilate our consciences. They tell us that here is our glory. Here we are to die like the innocents of the past, because glory is nourished by the blood of the innocents. Glory must be nourished by further glories. One cannot make an offering to eternity with garbage. The cowards and traitors must die for the glory of that nation, the liberty of men and the independence of nationalities. The most beautiful women, the most handsome and courageous men, and the most innocent children support the pedestal of grandeur, which must be a spiritual pedestal such as God conceived in His divine purity. Thus is formed everything in us which is great. Why do we love our mother? Because she gives us everything. For the same reason, we love our father or our wife. We love our children because we give up everything for them. We have to give everything for posterity and pass on, freely and generously, our entire life as we received it from the Almighty. In this manner are formed the nationalities, society and the family. In this manner the individual can say, 'I am a man worthy of turning my face toward heaven and making requests of the Almighty. I can bravely smile at slavery and all the tyrannies of the earth because no one can conquer a man who thus places himself before the majesty of heaven.'

"Valero is the liberator of Spain; he was able to defend the independence of Spain when it was invaded by Napoleon. And then he said, 'I have come to Spain where I have studied military service, where I have become a high officer, a man well learned in the defense and offense and all the secrets of war. I have come here to defend the interests of Spain and Puerto Rico and Rjardo and Vieques and Culebras and Ensenada Onda and Jayuya and Utuado, where we are free. How can I leave my role as defender of Spain and then go to Puerto Rico and say that I am an enemy of Puerto Rican independence?'

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"I ask this question of all Puerto Ricans who are putting their shoulders to the wheel to defend the flag of tyranny, which is the flag of the United States. With what countenance can a Puerto Rican in Korea tell the Koreans that he has come to kill Koreans, to kill the Korean women and children and destroy their industry and culture and civilization, with the excuse of defending what? To defend the interests of the United States. With what countenance can a Puerto Rican who has dressed himself in a monkey suit say that he is a defender of liberty in the world when his own country is beaten and raped by the power of the United States. And we are here in Fajardo and in Vieques - the rain is increasing but no one is leaving - we are here in Fajardo and Vieques. Here the Americans are destroying Vieques in cold blood. They are destroying Ensenada Onda, the Island of Culebras. They are destroying Fajardo - all of Puerto Rico. We Puerto Ricans must have a little pride. You cannot put your shoulder to the Yankee wheel and say that you are going to defend the principle of liberty outside of Puerto Rico, in Korea, in Hell. No. You are defending slavery.

"Valero, facing the Napoleonic invasion in Spain, was a liberator. He thought, 'To whom do I owe myself? I owe myself to Fajardo, to my father and mother, to my brother, to the Fajardans who, when I was born, blessed my birth, who attended my baptism; those who patted me on the head in the streets; those who protected me in childhood with tenderness and love. I should think of dying for them although I do not have the privilege of having the blood of each of them.' We are in the debt of all who look on us with love and who salute us with loving looks on passing us on the streets of Fajardo. We don't know who the noble and generous Fajardans were who touched the feet of the liberator, who were his Godfathers, who gave him their blessing, who generously put money in the purse to feast his birth. All that is part of the spiritual paternalism of men and women and we owe ourselves to an entire community because one feels himself obligated to live for the community in which he is born. This community has served him as a cradle, as a pedestal to help him rise in life. We owe it to the most humble Valero to comply with his wish.

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'It is well for me to risk my life for the independence of Spain, but if Spain persists in maintaining Puerto Rico under its imperious boot, I am obliged to attack mother Spain.' And from Mexico he went to Calla where he faced the great Robir, man of steel placed there by Spain. From there Valero went to Venezuela where he finished his labors. That is glory. Glory is not just singing La Borinquena in the streets or orating, or carrying floral offerings to the graves of the illustrious patriots of Fajardo. I heard the voices singing La Borinquena and it sounded like a hymn raised to eternity, a mass held in heaven which purifies everything existing in the city of Fajardo.

"I am not surprised that this was the cradle of so much grandeur and I hope that it will continue to be the cradle of great Fajardan men and women who will grasp the banners of our country and carry them to heaven triumphant and victorious in all the radiant glory of the greatness of Valero, Bolivar, San Martin and Blas Celeste. This is the hope of a country, the kind of hope which buds forth from the sweet and loving lips of a tender child of twelve years. We bless the liberators who work for the independence of a nation. When the country is free and independent, the liberators should never be forgotten, and once independence has been acquired, we should not sleep on the laurels of glory. All greatness requires a continuous effort and the lassitude of free men is like the lassitude of slaves. Free men cannot sleep on their past glory. Free men must be ready to die for all their children in order that they may be worthy of their freedom.

"Tonight I respectfully salute the illustrious figure of the town of Fajardo, JIMINEZ, for having named a school after that most illustrious Fajardan, Valero. We should render a public recognition to Mayor JIMENEZ for having complied with the highest duty and honor of patriotism by erecting a school with the name of Valero. What better statue could be raised in the name of Valero than a school of patriotism. The school is the temple of patriotism. A school where our mother country, Puerto Rico, is forgotten is not a school. No, it is a sackful of shamelessness, a garbage wagon, and its professors are indecent garbage collectors.

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"And I wish to say in honor to all garbage collectors, because you are men of honorable work, and when I touch on garbage collectors I don't wish to offend the men who earn their daily bread each day picking up the filth of the community. These men merit our respect at every moment, because honest work is the basis of all glory. Pardon me, all you garbage collectors, who live by such dangerous, infectious work, so necessary for humanity. It is not well-paid work. Better paid are the corrupt professors who teach slavery in the schools, who say (TR Note: underlined words spoken in English), Mister, Miss and Misses. These people speak neither English nor Spanish. When Jiminez and the men who assisted him constructed this school, they complied with the mandate of youth. It must be raised in an environment of glory and purity and for this reason the youths must begin to adore the virtues of their fathers and mothers and their antecedents. And by parents, I don't mean only those who brought us into this world, but all those who showed affection for us when we first saw the light of day. It is very easy to forget, once we have become powerful and strong adults and are capable of taking care of ourselves; it is very easy to forget all those who gave us hope and love when we were helpless infants in our cradles, and all those members of the community who gave us their blessings. They are all our fathers and mothers and for them we must die in defense of their liberty and their country, in defense of their independence. Perhaps the vision raised by the illustrious name of the liberator Valero will help us in a great Fajardan assembly to call on all Puerto Ricans to contribute their money and the inspiration of their generous spirits to help our people raise here a grand monument which has been so greatly hoped for to bring to all of our country the eternal light of independence. You have the right to demand of all Puerto Ricans that they come here to render homage to the lofty figure of Valero. But imagine what it is to render homage to a liberator when the fatherland itself is enslaved. We can look into the future. That heroic resolution which makes all tyrants tremble, before the heroism of the standard bearers of justice.

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"The word 'liberator' makes everyone tremble. The word 'independence' makes all the imperialists tremble. The Yankees, defenders of what? Here we have had 52 years of Yankeeism. What have these bandits done for Puerto Rico in these 52 years? These robbers have brought Puerto Rico nothing but destruction, cancer, tuberculosis, rabies, and all the diseases which man has been able to conceive, with hunger at the base of all of them. They present a great symbol to these people. They say, 'Here you have a country man's hat, vote for the Party of the country man's hat, (TR Note: Reference to the Popular Democratic Party, whose symbol is the hat worn by the country people).' That Fajardo sun does you good. Soak up the warmth. Go to the Fajardo sugar plantation at 5 o'clock in the morning and work until 5 in the afternoon in the Fajardo sun. And when you come from there you can drink a glass of dirty water. Maybe it will give you some strength. And when you get home you find your wife in slippers and you see your child stretched out on the dirty floor because its mother has no diaper to put on it. Be agreeable. Grasp the flag of the United States, the flag of the country man's hat, and put it in your house. Yes, yes, take it and put it in your house. The week ends, and you will work 60 hours a week, on the days when you are able to work. You will feel that you are dying. Only the love you have for your wife will keep you from coming home with empty pockets, and only the love you have for your child will keep you from coming home without a crumb of bread. Cultivate the sugar cane and you will come to like the husk of the sugar cane and the bread made from these husks, because you were born there and you are poor artisans and you like to have the bank full and the sugar cane in good condition because you aren't thieves. Although the sugar company is in the possession of pirates, you don't have to steal.

"Today we are facing a very serious decision and I am going to touch on this point at the request of many illustrious Fajardans who have asked me to say something about what this constitution is. All right. The Yankees have spent 52 years in Puerto Rico.

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"Fifty-two years of elections. It seems to me that if these elections were good for the Puerto Ricans, something good would have come from them. It seems that after 52 years of pumping, some water should come out. You pump and extend your arm and extend your foot. Why are the Yankees so anxious that you go to vote and that everybody register? You have to register and to vote. It is a great thing to register and vote. Fifty-two years of registering and voting. There is something in this little machinery of registering and voting. There is some trick. The Yankees know that their occupation of Puerto Rico is an act of piracy. They have the status of pirates, of thieves. That is the government of the United States. And all the authority which they wish to exercise in Puerto Rico emanates from that piracy of the United States. They know that the treaty of Paris, by which they wished to force Spain to cede them Puerto Rico, is null because Puerto Rico was a sovereign nation and it was not consulted. The Yankees did not permit Puerto Rico to be consulted. When the Spanish ambassadors asked that Puerto Rico be consulted, they said no. In virtue of the autonomy of Puerto Rico it was not obliged to respect any treaty signed by Spain if it wasn't ratified by the Puerto Rican Parliament. Puerto Rico had a parliament. Did the United States give the parliament of Puerto Rico an opportunity to discuss the Treaty of Paris. No, they dissolved the parliament by force; because they knew that a Puerto Rican parliament was not going to consent to Puerto Rico's being made the spoils of war for the United States. And they organized here, a corporation, or rather, the Congress of the United States. Those gentlemen meet in a place called Washington. No one here knows where that is. They formed a colonial corporation and gave it the name of Puerto Rico. An indecent action; like saying 'The Fajardo Sugar Corporation' which does not belong to Fajardo, but is owned by the Yankees.

"The People of Puerto Rico, the corporation which is called the People of Puerto Rico, and the little government which is called the Government of Puerto Rico is a corporation, made to exploit the people of Puerto Rico. They destroyed the entire economy of Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico lost its money.

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"Puerto Rico had gold money which it had to trade for paper money. For each 100 metal dollars you had you were given 60 paper dollars. And they said that your gold was no good and that they would take it to Kentucky where it would be of use. Puerto Rico had a postal system, it had its own army, navy and parliament. The Spanish parliament couldn't intervene in the Puerto Rican parliament in any way, despite the fact that it had 18 Puerto Ricans in the parliament with voice and vote. Puerto Rico was an autonomous and sovereign nation, a corporation which dreamed of the people of Puerto Rico, very pretty. At first they were called (TR Note: Following underlined words spoken in English) The People of Porto Rico, but later the chief of the Ponce Massacre, Roosevelt, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the chief of the Ponce Massacre, made them change the name from Porto to Puerto Rico. That little corporation can do certain things, impose taxes, many taxes. If you are going to open a modest restaurant, a license; a theater, another license; if you buy an automobile, a license; if you become an attorney, another license; a doctor, another license, etc. All are licenses and contributions. Now there comes scientific taxation. Yes, if you have a toilet you have to pay a higher tax. If you equip your house with sanitary facilities, the tax goes up. If you take a bath you have to pay. You should not bathe in your home, you should bathe in a puddle after it rains. You have a garden and your wife, being a good wife, plants violets and roses - you have to pay taxes. Your dog sleeps in the violets - you have to pay a big tax. You put a balcony on your house and build a wire or bronze guard rail so that your child won't fall into the street - more thousands of dollars in taxes. You have a well-furnished house because your wife is a woman of good taste - scientific taxation. Your wife is industrious, she has a well furnished kitchen, she has bought a stove on time and keeps it in good condition; ah, scientific taxation! That is to say, the more you do for the common good, the more taxed you are. This is all the power which the little government has, which is called the Insular Government.

"And another thing, there are tubercular persons everywhere, insane persons, undernourished persons. Hunger is a sickness. When hunger strikes all the diseases strike. That is the policy of the United States. When hunger strikes, all the diseases strike.

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"Hunger feeds all diseases. Much money is spent on doctors, hospitals and drugs, but nothing is spent for food. What is needed is food. Let's let the doctors rest a little while. Let's close the hospitals and open a number of warehouses of fish, meat, vegetables, milk, fresh fruits. Instead of planting sugar cane, let's plant fruits. Who are the sugar cane plantations for? For Fajardo? No. For a few magnates who live in New York. You here have your hoes. They put the cross here for you to rest in peace in the cemetery of Fajardo. Be quiet, shut up. Well then, what power is there here in the face of this little Insular Government? The public school spends millions. (TR Note: underlined words spoken in English) Many Misters, many Misstresses, many Misses who speak neither Spanish nor English. The Yankee flag in the school. The text books in English.

"What school teaches anything about Valero? What child knows who Valero is? Listen well, children of Fajardo, try to show all the children of this country and all your brothers and sisters that the Nationalist Party commemorates the birth of Valero. There is not one school teacher who knows who Valero is. The school of ignorance. The school of slavery, 20 million dollars are spent in maintaining slavery. Ask your children who General Pulaski is. Who the devil is he? With all respect to General Pulaski, I call attention to the fact that he is Polish General. The government of the United States obliges our little government each year to proclaim a public homage in Puerto Rico for General Pulaski. Some days ago Munoz Marin, the governor of this cheap little island, proclaimed an homage for General Pulaski. I should say in defense of Munoz Marin that he had a little modesty in this matter and did not insist that the proclamation be published. He just put a little notice in the papers where no one could see it. It can be seen that Munoz signed this because they voted it, they voted it, miserable person, they voted it. Not one paper published the text of this proclamation. Munoz issues this proclamation every year, and I don't mean just Munoz, but every governor who comes here has to sign this proclamation to honor the memory of one of the liberators of the United States, who is an illustrious figure. But what does he mean to us?

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"No governor here, not even Munoz, dares to issue a proclamation to honor the memory of Valero, a liberator of Puerto Rico. Nor to honor the memory of Betances, the father of our country. No. Munoz cannot do anything to honor the Puerto Ricans. Nor can any other governor. Not because they don't want to, but because they are puppets and miserable persons.

"Here all power comes directly from the United States. The congress said, back in 1917, when the Germans were striking in the First World War, that Puerto Rican blood was needed, just as at present in Korea. And that Congress said that all Puerto Ricans were Americans. Congress said that anyone who didn't want to be an American citizen could go before a court and say so and if he said so he could not vote in Puerto Rico. He had to renounce his Puerto Rican identity if he didn't want to be a hypocrite. Each time the United States is involved in a war, there is a mobilization of the Puerto Ricans. Every day we get from Korea a list of the Puerto Ricans killed and wounded. A sad thing. Has the government of Puerto Rico protested this? It can't. May God help Munoz! Munoz goes to Camp Buchanan and tells the Puerto Ricans that they should go to Korea to die. He stands in cold blood, with his fat face, to tell 4,000 Puerto Ricans that they have to step up and go to Korea to die for democracy. What democracy? For the flag. What flag? We have a flag here. The flag of our country, the flag of Puerto Rico, and anyone who does not honor it is a traitor and a blackguard and should die because in this flag is the salvation not only of all those present, but of all Puerto Ricans.

"Here the citizenship is United States. It is imposed on the Puerto Ricans. I am going to analyze the question of the constitution. What is this constitution? What is going to be accomplished by it? Well, the congress of the United States has passed a law. Listen well, it has passed a law with which we have had nothing to do. It is true that a man called Dr. FERNOS ISERN, a member of the United States House of Representatives, claims that he is the author of this law, which provides for a constitutional convention.

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"But he cannot vote on this project because he has no power to vote in the House of Representatives. I don't see how he has the nerve to say that he is the author of that law. He cannot vote and cannot even speak there without the unanimous consent of the members of the House. If any representative in the chamber tells him to be quiet, he must shut up. He cannot vote. He says that he is the author of this law. This law says that the Puerto Ricans can meet to say whether they want the present occupation of the United States in our country. That is all they can say. The present occupation has lasted for 52 years. What good has it brought? Puerto Rico is a sugar cane field from the mountains to the sea, a mixture of all diseases. I told the Puerto Rican millionaires in Ponce that if they had become millionaires through the death of the country people, their hour had come. Ah, you sugar workers, and those of you who have been sugar workers, these little millions have cost the lives of your sons, your healthy sons who have gone to Korea. The Koreans are shooting at your handsome sons. They make Yankee soldiers out of them so that they can hide behind them. Can the Insular Government have any influence in this matter? It can't, under this constitution. The law which convokes a constitutional assembly says that the question of citizenship cannot be discussed by the Puerto Ricans. That means that they have the Puerto Ricans register to vote for a constitution under which they are forbidden to say that they are Puerto Ricans. It is such a ridiculous and serious thing that I can't see how anyone would dare defend it.

"When the Yankees meet, the first thing they do is to say that they are Yankees and they decide upon what they, as Yankees, need. When the French meet, the first thing they do is to say they are French. When the Cubans meet, it is the same. Here they call a constitutional assembly in which the Puerto Ricans have to say that they are Yankees. Now these matters of Korea and Germany have come up and this Korean mess is going to spread to China. The horizon looks black for the United States, and they need many millions of men to fight. They no longer talk about sterilizing the men. Scarcely a year ago, I came to Fajardo and had to discuss the Marin theory, a very great discovery.

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"For some days they have stopped saying that women should be sterilized. Now they are passing their hands over the women to see whether they are bearing children to be sent to Korea, because they insist that the Puerto Ricans never can say that they are Puerto Ricans. This is so that they can impose the sacrifice of life on the Puerto Ricans. A member of the Popular Party has said that the constitutional assembly can say that we are Puerto Ricans and deny United States citizenship. The law of the Congress of the United States which authorizes the constitutional assembly states that you have to go on record as either accepting or denying the validity of the law, by which action you put yourself on record. You have to follow the terms of the law strictly. Nations are judged by the actions of their citizens. We are men and women of flesh and bone and in calling a constitutional assembly in Puerto Rico the first thing we should say is that we are Puerto Ricans, and nothing more; that we are Puerto Ricans. And to destroy Puerto Rico the first thing that must be done is to destroy our citizenship. This is why they can't have Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico. You must be called a Yankee and this gives them the right to send you to any part of the world to defend the interests of the United States.

"There are some other matters here. According to the law authorizing the constituent assembly, there is only one jurisdiction, the jurisdiction of the United States Congress. What else remains intact? The Congress of the United States says that its power, its citizenship and its authority over Puerto Rico remain intact and that whatever law that the Puerto Rican legislature passes can be set aside by the United States Congress. Where is the legislature of Puerto Rico? The law authorizing this assembly also says that the present courts remain intact. There are three types of Insular courts whose jurisdiction terminates in the honorable Supreme Court of Puerto Rico. Cases can be appealed from this latter to the Circuit Court of Boston and to the Supreme Court of the United States. If the Fajardo sugar company oppresses you, you can take your case to the Departmental Court in Humacao and then to the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico. And if the company appeals to the United States, these gentlemen have supreme authority. Who appointed them?

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"We? Who is that gentleman? The Senate confirmed him. And here, when you win a case and the Fajardo sugar company appeals it up there to Boston, nothing is handled in the Spanish language and you have to look for a Christian who speaks an barbarous language. No one who speaks a Christian language can help you. You can't present any typewritten material, nothing handwritten, even if done by an artist. The mischief of this is easily seen. You have to carry with you a book printed in English and you have to distribute 40 copies. And if that court decides in your favor, the Fajardo sugar company appeals to the Supreme Court of the United States, and that is the guillotine. Its jurisdiction remains intact.

"Here we still have the customs house directed by the treasury of the United States. You enter the country through the port of Fajardo and are faced by an official who is named by the President of the United States. Here there are postmasters named by the President of the United States. Take a shot at a mail truck and you will be processed by a Federal Court. Get into one of these mail trucks and you will be tried by a Federal Court. But if an airplane flying over here crashes in Fajardo, no one can do anything about it. This is under the jurisdiction of the United States Aeronautics Board. No one has yet decided where the guilt lies for the disasters which have occurred to the Puerto Ricans flying in the United States planes. Who investigates these cases? Puerto Ricans? No, the government of the United States in New York. I am speaking over a radio station. Who controls this radio station. The government of Puerto Rico? No. The station's license is issued by the Federal Communications Commission of the United States Government. Also we have here what are called Federal zones, in Fajardo, in Tortuguero, and even in Vieques. Whenever the Yankees want something which they like, they expropriate it. If they want a house here for the entertainment of their troops, they take it. This also remains intact. Your home is pretty, attractive, but the Yankee troops need it for their entertainment. This remains intact. Here the military has a separate jurisdiction.

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"A soldier from Ensenada Onda becomes drunk and kills several children and women. What can the policeman who arrests him do? These soldiers could kill the Chief of Police and no one could do anything about it. The only thing the police can do is to call the military police and turn the prisoner over to them. The municipal court cannot try this case; nor can the Insular prosecuting attorney in Humacao, nor the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico. This case is tried by the Admiral, who is the chief of all the armed forces of Puerto Rico, army, marine, police, and air. The boss of each policeman here is the Admiral in chief of the United States. In Puerto Rico that is the government. The judges of the so-called Supreme Court are named by the President. The purpose of this so-called constitution is very serious. The North American lawyers know that we are right because the Treaty of Paris is null as to Puerto Rico.

"But if the people of Puerto Rico go to a constitutional convention and say that the occupation of Puerto Rico by armed forces of the United States is pleasing to them, the argument against the Treaty of Paris is of no use. 'ALBIZU CAMPOS cannot say that we are robbers and tyrants because his fellow countrymen say that they enjoy slavery under the United States and that they are in a paradise.' It is for this reason that all those who have enriched themselves by the pain of the people and who have made themselves millionaires by the death of the people, defend this constitution. When you register you say that you are an American citizen. You have to be fingerprinted as if you were a criminal. You have to surrender all your papers concerning your family and your profession - on pain of 10 years imprisonment. This is because the secret police of the United States need documents to cover all your life, to cover every minute of your life. Everyone who wishes to be at the mercy of the secret police of the United States, which is simply a police force of bandits, and who registers himself, is making certain that for the rest of his life he will not be able to move about the world without being considered suspect. Why do they offer so much money for you to register, young people? When you reach your 21st birthday, stay at home; love your mother, love your father, love Puerto Rico, the sweet father of your country men, who blessed you when you were born, and say, like Valero, 'Here is the independence of Puerto Rico.' I have spoken. "

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E. INSULAR PROSECUTIVE ACTION

(As reflected in the files of the
office of the Insular District
Attorney, San Juan, Puerto Rico)

1. CHARGES

Subsequent to the arrest of PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS, he was charged with the following violations of Insular Law:

1. Article 218, Penal Code of Puerto Rico (Attack to Commit Murder). Bond set at \$25,000.
2. 4 charges of violation of Insular Law 14. (Possession of unregistered firearms) Total bond \$20,000.
3. Article 11, Insular Law 67 (Illegal use of explosives).
4. Article 12, Insular Law 67 (Possession of explosives with intent to do damage)
5. Two counts of violation of Insular Law 53 (Insular Subversive Activities Law) Bond \$50,000.

ALBIZU CAMPOS has been unable to raise this bond and has remained incarcerated in the San Juan District Jail since November 2, 1950.

2. SENTENCES

February 20, 1951 - Sentenced in District Court, San Juan to following:

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6 years for violation Article 11, Insular Law 67.
2 years 6 months for violation Article 12, Insular Law 67
2 years 3 months on 3 counts of violation of Insular Law
14 (A fourth count was dismissed.

February 26, 1951 - In jury trial in San Juan District Court, found
guilty of violation Article 218, Penal Code
of Puerto Rico.

March 16, 1951 - Sentenced to from 7 to 15 years for violation
Article 218, Penal Code of Puerto Rico.

All above sentences are to run consecutively and
are being appealed.

3. CHARGES PENDING

PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS is yet to be tried on two
counts of violation of Law 53, which carry a maximum penalty of
10 years and \$10,000 for each charge.

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An information copy of this report is being designated for the New York office since the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico, of which subject is President, has active branches in that division.

The translation of subject's speech of April 8, 1950, at Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico, was prepared by Translator Zoe Lyon of the Philadelphia Office and the reporting Agent. Translation is based on (1) notes taken by Insular Policemen [REDACTED], who were present when speech was delivered, and (2) transcription of speech as recorded from radio station WORA (Mayaguez) by the Division of Communications of the Insular Police.

The translation of subject's speech delivered April 16, 1950, in Barrio Obrero, Santurce, was prepared by Translator Zoe Lyon of the Philadelphia Office from incomplete notes taken by [REDACTED] of the Insular Police, who were present when speech was delivered.

b7C Translation of subject's speech at Manati, Puerto Rico, on June 11, 1950, was prepared by Translator Zoe Lyon of the Philadelphia Office on the basis of incomplete notes taken by [REDACTED] Insular Police.

Translation of subject's speech of July 2, 1950, at Arecibo, Puerto Rico, was made by Translator Zoe Lyon of the Philadelphia Office and by reporting Agent. Translation was made from incomplete notes taken by [REDACTED] and from a transcription of the speech as recorded by the Division of Communications of the Insular Police and by Radio Communications Officer ARTHUR L. LEEDS, San Juan Office, as it was broadcast over Radio Station WCMN, Arecibo, P.R.

Translation of subject's speech of July 25, 1950, at Playa de Guanica was prepared by Translator Zoe Lyon of the Philadelphia Office and is based on incomplete notes taken by [REDACTED] Insular Police.

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Translation of speech of subject delivered September 23, 1950, at Lares, Puerto Rico, was prepared by Translator Zoe Lyon of the Philadelphia Office on the basis of incomplete notes taken by [REDACTED] (NA) and [REDACTED] of the Insular Police and tape recording of speech made by Radio Communications Officer ARTHUR L. LEEDS of the San Juan Office, as the speech was broadcast over radio Station WCMN of Arecibo, P.R. The tape recording was made in the San Juan Office and was interrupted by atmospheric interference.

b7C Translation of subject's speech of October 12, 1950, at Ponce, Puerto Rico, was prepared by Translator Zoe Lyon of the Philadelphia Office and by the reporting Agent, based on incomplete notes taken by [REDACTED] of the Insular Police and from a transcription of the speech as re-broadcast on October 13, 1950, over Radio Station WCMN, Arecibo, and recorded by the Division of Communications of the Insular Police.

Translation of subject's speech of October 26, 1950, at Fajardo, P.R., was prepared by Translator Zoe Lyon of the Philadelphia Office and the reporting Agent, from incomplete notes taken by [REDACTED] of the Insular Police and transcript of speech as broadcast over radio station WMDD, Fajardo, and recorded by the Communications Division of the Insular Police.

The following are the sources of information referred to in this report (X)U

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b7C T-1 - [REDACTED] information given to SA CHARLES B. PECK on 4/17/51 and 11/22/50. [REDACTED] source for the information given on 11/22/50 [REDACTED]

T-2 - [REDACTED] Information given to SA CHARLES B. PECK on 8/7/50.

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- T-3 - [REDACTED] Information on 11/15/50 given to ASAC FRANCIS E. CROSBY; information on 11/4/50 to Special Agents CHARLES I. CARTER and BRUNO F. DREYER.
- T-4 - [REDACTED] San Juan, by letter to the San Juan Office, 5/21/48.
- T-5 - [REDACTED] - furnished to SA THOMAS C. BURKE on numerous occasions.
- T-6 - [REDACTED] source of information who was formerly a confidential informant of this office.
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SAN JUAN DIVISION

At San Juan, Puerto Rico

Will follow and report results of prosecution of
subject under Insular Law 53.

REFERENCE: Report of SA ROBERT J. AHSENS, 4/26/50,
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